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Mount Toby Monthly Meeting

1966 - 1967

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REPORT OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE 1966 - 1967

After reading the wonderful report of the religious education activities and recommendations for 1958 - 65 made by Phyllis Agard at the end of last year, and noting that a number of suggestions appeared time and again, we selected three of these for first consideration.

OBJECTIVES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Basic to these considerations was a revirw of the objectives of religious education and the particular responsibility of the home, the Meeting and the First Day School in seeking to achieve them. We studied the discussions on this subject that the Meeting has had during the past few years as well as the Objectives of Religious Education compiled by Friends General Conference. Rather than try to formulate a list of objectives in our own words, a task that might well have consumed all of our monthly committee meetings for a year without reaching a consensus, we agreed to accept the assumptions and objectives as worked out by the Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference as consistent in spirit with our beliefs and convictions. A copy is attached to this report.

TRAINING FOR FIRST DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

While admitting that providing training training for teachers in the First Day School would no doubt be of benefit, we felt that it was unrealistic to expect teachers with heavy family andschool or job responsibilities to give even more time than they were already devoting to this labor of love. This year, too, we were most fortunate in having as teachers persons with considerable experience, with no one in the Meeting really better qualified than some of them were to give such training. We all agreed, furthermore, that the kind of person the teacher is - his values, his own spiritual life, his love of the young people in his charge,- is the most important factor in effective teaching. Teachers were urged to attend the Committee's meetings where problems could be discussed. Also, the committee attempted to give all possible support to the teachers through heir interest in their work, by suggesting and making readily available any pertinent reference material, by setting up a special reserve shelf in the library and by having several resource persons from New England Yearly Meeting meet with us during our Woolman Hill "retreat".

DEVELOPMENT OF A CURRICULUM GUIDE

The second consideration, the one on which we spent much of our time, was in response to the oft-repeated concern that we develop a more coordinated program for the First Day School. Most of the members who attended the committee meetings felt it importantthat such a program should be sufficiently structured to insure inclusion of certain basic topics or areas, presented in logical sequence to avoid unwanted repetition, yet flexible enough to meet the needs of our young people from widely diverse and varied backgrounds - and of our adult members who would be teaching. At least one parent felt that the young people "needed to discuss what they want to on their own terms". Others held an equally firm conviction that we have a responsibility to theyoung people in the Meeting to see that they have the opportunity to learn, among other things, something of the background and beliefs of world religions, of Christianity and of Quakerism. The following comment, made by a senior (and a "birthright" Quaker) in a Friends School, seems to point up this need for direction:

"I grew up as a Friend and therefore never really understood or evaluated any other religion. This in itself is perhaps not so bad;

however, I also never fully understood the beliefs or motivations of the Quaker faith. There was never any attempt on the part of my Sunday School to help me , as an individual, to evaluate the validity of the Quaker faith. The class time was spent reading about Socrates or making jigsaw puzzles for the Friends Neighborhood Guild, rather than reading Faith and Practice or the Bible. It wasn't until I got involved in religious discussions with my classmates who were going through Confirmation classes and joining churches that I was forced to analyze whether or not I truly wanted to be a member of the Society of Friends."

We compared the curricula being used by several other Friends Meetings as well as those worked out by Friends General Conference, the United Church of Christ, and the Unitarian-Universalists, some of which have been developed only after years of work by well qualified, paid, professional staffs. We considered sources with which our own members had had experience. We weighed and evaluated these in the light of our objectives and the young people of Mt. Toby Meeting. We asked for suggestions from the Meeting.

We have drawn up a suggested course of study to serve as a guide, indicating a number of possible references and resources for the use of the teacher. This was posted for a month in the fellowship room for a month with a request for all to study it and make suggestions. We had one, from a six year old boy -"rocks and bones". What this outline does not show,of course, are the all-important intangibles - the various methods and techniques which may be used, the teacher's interest and enthusiasm, his loving concern for the growth of each and every child.

EVALUATION OF THE YEAR'S PROGRAM

We have made a beginning with it this year. With what success? How does one evaluate the unmeasureable? Not by the numbers present, though we have averaged about 50 per Sunday; not by how busy they were, though on the whole they have been busy and interested; not by how quiet or how noisy they have been, though they have at times been listening intently, at times working or discussing excitedly.

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when a little one stands transfixed as a butterfly emerges from its chrysalis and flies away, whether his sense of awe and wonder were encouraged and took on religious significance in one of our early First Day School classes - with Sue Fletcher, Meg Hummon, Alta Mae Weber or Ann Levinger?

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when one of our young people stands up to be counted in an unpopular cause that he knows to be right, whether he was encouraged to do so because of the study, in Allison Neufhold's class, of courage and how it was shown by brave Quakers?

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when a young Friend puts out a hand to welcome a stranger of a different color and belief, whether the beginning of this understanding and friendship may have had its encouragement in Misty Blossom's class as they learned about the universality of man's belief in a Supreme Being?

Who will know,tomorrow or ten years from now, when one of our young people volunteers to teach about the lessons for today to be found in the Bible, whether his interest in and familiarity with the Bible may not have had its beginning in Jim Zaurednik's class?

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when a young Friend is questioned by his draft board or the F.B.I. about his stand against war, chooses a career dealing with social concerns, rejects a "shady" but lucrative business deal, or admonishes his young son against smoking, whether he may not have been strengthened in these convictions by the consideration of the personal implications of the Queries in Barbara Gilbert's and Trevor Robinson's class?

And even those to whom on occasion we have said, "This you may not do", may one day realize, if they do not already, that it was done out of love for them and because some of us believe "that there is a difference between the good and the shoddy, the true and the false, the right and the wrong; and that it is the obligation and responsibility of persons who hold positions of leadership to tell young people what is expected of them".

We will never know. We do agree, however, with Albert Schweitzer that "we cannot put into anyone ideas which are not already there. As a rule there are in everyone all sorts of good ideas, ready like tinder. But much of this tinder catches fire or catches it successfully, only when it meets some flame or spark from outside, i.e. from some other person. Often too, our light goes out and is rekindled by some experience we go through with a fellow man. Thus we have each of us cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flames within us." If any of our teachers and any of our young people have furnished this spark, and we think they may have, we are grateful.

BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

In implementing this third recommendation, there is also much room for improvement. We have made a conscious effort to keep parents informed and to give them the opportunity to share in the planning and activity of the First Day School. All committee meetings are open; the tentative program for each class has been printed in the Newsletter and on the bulletin board; early in the year, after the Meeting for Worship one Sunday, parents were invited to hear the teachers outline plans for the year and tell what they hoped to accomplish; and parents have always been welcome to talk with teachers after Meeting on Sunday. We would like to have more parents volunteer for a particular unit of study or project, as Elliott Offner did this year. (He took two classes for the first three weeks in March and worked with them on bringing together some of the ideas and facts they had learned about Quakerism and then expressing these creatively in a new medium. We appreciate very much his involvement with these groups in this experimental approach to a cooperative worship experience, and also his material contributions of art materials and supplies.

IMPORTANCE OF THE HOME IN RELIGIOUS TRAINING

We have two concerns in this area that we cannot emphasize too strongly: the outstanding importance and influence of the home and parents for the religious education of their children, and the limitations of the First Day School. As Elise Boulding puts it,"The longer we work at Religious Education, the more clearly we realize the vital part of the Friendly Home in the development of children. The best the teacher and the class can do in the limited minutes of weekly periods is doomed or glorified by what happens back home, before and after First Day."

SPECIAL EVENTS - WITH THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped with the regular program of the First Day School and with these special events:

The playlet, "Caitha in West Virginia", written by June Robinson and produced for the Meeting by Allison Kaufhold's class and helpers.

The reading, by Mary Randall, and the tableau of the manger scene, by Tim Bancroft and Joanna Randall, at Christmas time. Also the gifts brought to the creche by the young people - $27.63 for the A.F.S.C. orphanage in Vietnam and 25 gifts distributed through local agencies with the assistance of Bob Meyers.

Their own Meeting for Worship held by the young people and their guests (about 75 in all) in Ethel Du Bois' barn on Quarterly Meeting Sun

The annual fall hike up Mt. Toby.

Tobogganing and cutting firewood for the Meeting House fireplace on a "snow day" in February.

Hymn singing after the Meeting for worship, especially on Fellowship Sundays and on all Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas, with Peggy Holden and Stephen Randall at the piano most of the time.

Supper with members of the Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference before the Rufus Jones Lecture.

The workshop - retreat at Woolman Hill in which 20 members of the Meeting participated, including all of the First Day School teachers, a majority of the Religious Education Committee members, the Clerk, and five other parents. Ed Hinshaw, Young Friends Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting and Bob Hillegas of Wellesley Meeting joined us as resource persons, and were an inspiration and a very welcome help.

The interest and enthusiasm of Francis Holmes in showing the young people how to borrow books from the library is appreciated.

The help of some of our senior high school members on the Religious Education Committee(Jennie Agard and Bill Havens), with the activities at Quarterly Meeting (Flora Johnson,Bill Havens) and with First Day School activities(Ruth Reber, Harriette Gilbert and Rosalind Clark).

The service rendered every Sunday to our very little ones , and their parents, by Page Bancroft who heads the nursery volunteers, by Mavis Rubin of the University, and by all the parents whose assistance is necessary when we have as many as 12 children ranging in age from 2 -4.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

That two additional sections of folding wall be purchased so that classes can have more of a semblance of privacy than is now possible with always an open "door" that cannot be closed.

That a Bible be presented to each young Friend (or non-Friend who has attended First Day School regilarly for a year) on his birthday nearest his entrance to Junior High School. This recommendation grew out of one of the Woolman Hill discussion groups and has already been approved by the Monthly Meeting.

That there be no further planned First Day School program for the young Friends of high school (senior) age; but that they be encouraged to attend the Meeting for worship for the full hour as many of them have been doing for the past few months. If at any time, however, a topic comes up which they would like to pursue, that they be encouraged to form a group at that time , with an adult Friend for discussion leader.

That there be two teachers sharing the responsibility for each class so that a qualified person is ready to take over a class when the other teacher is unable to do so. A system of sharing the responsibility should be worked out in advance.

Respectively submitted,
Jennie Agard
Page Bancroft
John Foster
Barbara Gilbert
Marjorie Hancock
Bill Havens
Nancy Rice
Bill Ross
Ethel DuBois, convener

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR FIRST DAY SCHOOL

We trust that Friends will understand that there are as many ways of presenting material as there are teachers, and that these ways may include the use of creative crafts, art, music, drama, dance and planned out of doors activities as well as reading and discussion. Also, the references are not mandatory nor inclusive, but suggestive only, and may added to from other sources. The Childrens' programs of the American Friends Service Committee are recommended especially for the Junior and Intermediate groups.

KINDERGARTEN: [redacted] Ruth Rober, Nancy Archer

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Topics: Our families, friends, community, world; getting along with others, learning to share.

References: The Big World, The Little House in the Big Woods, Little Homelund Bear, Baby Animals and Their Mothers, Children and Their Fathers, Children Around the World, Tom Tit Moves House, Sugar on Snow, Tall Grass Zoo, Seeds, A Book About God, If Everybody Did.

GRADES 1 and 2: MARJORIE HANCOCK

Topics: Miracles around us, wonder and order in nature, growth, life, death, seasons; the birth and early childhood of Jesus; selected Old Testament stories; some early Quakers in this country, their method of worship, their dealings with the Indians; broadening world horizons, working together with others.

References: Moments of Wonder in Spring and in Fall, Miracles that Surround Us, We Discover Lights, The Curious Naturalist, Hailstones and Halibut Bones, A Small Child's Bible, Living in Palestine, Picture Book of Palestine, Pioneers in Peace, Fierce Feathers, stories from The Friendly Story Caravan and Candles in the Dark, Crow Boy, UNICEF Stories of Children from Many Lands, Let's Do Better, A Sorely Trying Day.

GRADES 3 and 4: Tom Crowe, Bob Myers

Topics: An introduction to the teachings of Jesus, some of the Parables, a continued study of Quakerism and Quaker concerns through stories of individuals; various ways of worship - through listening, through our daily lives, through music, drama, art.

References: The Bible, From Long Ago and Many Lands, The Boy Jesus and His Companions, A Book of Quaker Saints, Brave Quakers, Carolina's Courage, Along the Shore with the Red Men and the White, Obadiah the Bold, Jerrod's Island, New Boy in School, Growing Toward Peace, Stories from the Underground Railroad, Friendly Story Caravan, Candles in the Dark.

GRADES 5 and 6: RANDALLS ?

Topics: The beginnings of the universe and of man; of religion; the world's great religions; the history of Quakerism; social concerns.

References: Beginnings of Earth and Sky, Life and Death, The Epic of Man, The Story of the World, Stories of the creation from various sources, The Graphic Bible, The Worlds Great Religions, Their Search for God, One God - The Ways We Worship Him, The Church of Our Fathers, History of Quakerism, Jesus the Carpenters Son, Pioneers in Peace, Rebel Saints.

GRADES 7, 8 and 9: Mimi Zhavadnik, Bob Archer

Topics: The Bible as history, comparative religions, visiting other churches and attending their services, Quakerism and social concerns.

References: Various translations of the Bible, The Drama of Ancient Israel, The Church Across the Street, View From The Back Benches, God is For Real man, My Part In The Quaker Adventure, John Woolman's Journal, plays for dramatization such as Green Pastures, Ben Hur, J.B.

GRADES 10, 11 and 12: Phylistgaard

Topics: While no program is being planned for the young Friends in this age group, (see recommendation 3 of the yearly report-1966 - 1967), these are some of the possible concerns which may arise for discussion: the draft and the position of the Conscientious Objector; the social responsibility of the scientist , the reporter, the man in advertising,etc.; Religion and science, war, poverty; segregation and racial discrimination; non-violence as a technique for action; freedom and responsibility; drugs, alcohol and smoking; should I join the Religious Society of Friends? Why? How?

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

OBJECTIVES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ASSUMPTIONS

These objectives are based on the following assumptions:

That religious education is an ongoing process throughout life.

That it should permeate every aspect of life.

That it involves emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth and development.

That it is largely the responsibility of the home.

That the contribution of the meeting is:

To organize schools and First-day Schools which will provide experiences with children and young people of similar age and in a group larger than the family.

To enrich and deepen daily experiences through opportunities for group study and discussion, for group worship and group service.

To help parents and teachers to deepen their own spiritual lives so that they may find wisdom and courage for their work of guiding young people.

To help parents find the resources for creative family life.

To develop leadership which will contribute to the life of the meeting and of the wider community.

That the framework for the religious education process will be our Christian-Quaker heritage, not because it is the only way, but because it is a way which we believe can lead us and our children to an awareness of God and a dedication to His purposes.

That religious education will awaken, keep alive, and promote the growth of the seeking and questioning spirit. The search is a common one for parent and teacher as well as the children and young people with whom they are associated.

FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES

* Religious education aims to help adults and children to realize God as the creative, active Purpose underlying the structure of the universe as well as of each individual life.

* Religious education aims to help adults and children to experience God as creative, redemptive love, working at all levels in the personal and social structure toward the brotherhood of man.

* Religious education seeks to develop a growing awareness of God's purposes and will, and a commitment and dedication to these purposes at each stage of development.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

To aid in the realization of the living presence of God and a commitment to His will, religious education seeks to enlarge and enrich the experience of adults and children in respect to:

The world of nature:

Through wonder and appreciation of beauty.

Through interest in and a constructive attitude toward discovery of God's laws for the universe, man and society.

The Bible:

By seeking to make the Bible a spiritual resource for adults and for the family group.

By helping young people and adults to find in the Bible the timeless expression of their own deeper emotional needs and responses.

By developing a knowledge of the prophetic insights into the nature of God and His relationship to man and the values of those insights for men of today.

By developing a growing appreciation of the life and teachings of Jesus and of the power and significance of His personality.

By opening the door to the Christian Gospel, so that its method and message will motivate all life's choices.

kerism:

Through an understanding of the spiritual motives that inspired the founders of the Society of Friends and their later followers.

Through a consistent effort on the part of adults and children to apply Quaker testimonies in every phase of daily living.

Through a growing ability to think for oneself and to follow the leading of The Inner Light in relation to the social issues of the community and the nation.

lationships with other people:

In the family: by making available to parents sources of help in parent relationships, parent-child relationships, and child to child relationships.

In the First-day School: by providing experiences of study, work and worship with persons of one's own age and level of maturity.

In the meeting:
- By providing opportunities for personal association of younger with older members and for a developing understanding of each for the other.
- By seeking to develop the ability and disposition to participate in the life and work of the meeting.

With other meetings: by becoming part of a wider circle of Friends, to learn about Quakerism and to share in expressing Friend's concerns.

In the wider community:
- By seeking to offer opportunities for enlarging the group's understanding of persons of different races and cultures.
- By providing occasions in which adults and children share experiences of study, work, play, music, or worship with adults and children of other races and cultures.
- By developing the ability to apply the power of good will and love in all relationships of life.
- By fostering the concern to participate in the building of a better social order throughout the world.

Worship:

By seeking to enable individuals to find in worship the consciousness of God as a reality in human experience, a sense of personal relationship to Him, and an all-pervading desire to go forth and make God's will part of one's daily life.

In the family: through periods of devotional reading, hymn singing, quiet relaxation and prayer.

In the First-day School class and assembly periods: through participation in experiences that draw the group together and culminate in a sense of oneness with God and with each other.

In the meeting for worship: through sharing as family units in the larger meeting group, and through encouraging each individual, whether older or younger, to feel his value as a member of the meeting and to make his contribution to the worshipping group.

Service:

Through activities with as well as for other groups in the immediate community.

Through projects sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and other agencies that aim to develop a concern for the welfare of peoples throughout the world.

Additional copies may be obtained from

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MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 1966, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:56 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the tenth query. Attendance then was 15.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of December 8, 1965, were read.

3. The Clerk reported he sent the letter to the Amherst Jaycees required in December 8, 1965, Minute 8. (cc. attached to these Minutes)

4. The Clerk reported that he wrote to Martha Mermier, as promised in December 8, 1965, Minute 17.

cc. T. [illegible]

5. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommended that we accept Patricia Langford's application for membership for herself and junior membership for her children, Cooper and Holly. The Meeting welcomed them into our membership with exclamations of pleasure.

cc P. Langford, F Kaufhold

6. George Bliss was welcomed into the business meeting. He clarified the purpose of the Meeting School, described its methods, and reported on its present status and effectiveness. It should be understood that the Meeting School is not designed particularly, and certainly not merely, for the maladjusted and that the curriculum has indeed proved an adequate preparation for college entrance. It is the feeling of the Meeting School that the lives of its graduates have been deepened and strengthened through the Meeting School's somewhat unusual program, which allows the students a greater share than is usual in the decisions about the operation of the school and about their individual lives therein. The Society of Friends has long emphasized the special methodology of its business meeting. All rules and problems in the Meeting School are dealt with in a weekly business meeting of the entire faculty plus the entire student body. This has been a new and valuable experience for many of the entering students. This actually creates a better-than-usual self-reliance in the students, who are about to leave home for college ~~and~~ or employment. The decrease in the academic grind allows the students to choose more wisely what they really need and want, so that study time is better allotted. Thus non-academic activities have not led to any academic loss. The Meeting School was accredited on the first visit by the New England Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools, and since then has adopted their further recommendations. The Meeting School has noted a recent decrease in the number of Quakers among their students, from about 50% to about 30%, and is concerned to know why. Visits to Monthly Meetings have indicated that this decline has been due to parental uncertainties and misconceptions; the school therefore envisages a continued program of contact and communication with Friends Meetings. The School has recently undergone an 8-year self-evaluation. The founding families are gradually stepping aside (Hindmarshes after 8 years, Blisses after 10 years) to allow "new blood" to take over. Our Library Committee set up this evening a special file folder for the literature about the Meeting School which was provided by George Bliss. George Bliss invited any families to visit the Meeting School and see it in operation.

P. Agard

7. George Bliss expressed willingness to help us with advice about Conscientious Objector-counselling, per the need expressed in December 8, 1965, Minute 12.

8. One of the Agards and Philip Woodbridge were appointed our delegates to the Quarterly Meeting to be held at West Hartford on February 6th. [Curtis Johnson will be there anyway, as Quarterly Meeting Clerk.]

9. Charles Harker of the Friends Committee on National Legislation will be here on Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6, and would like to meet with any or all of us. Robert Agard expressed concern that he have a broader audience than just our Meeting. The Program Committee is asked to investigate the possibility of setting up a public meeting and, if this proves feasible, to proceed to do so and report to us in February. Possibly another, smaller discussion can be arranged within the Meeting. The Clerk will write to Penelope Turton this week to say we shall arrange something for Charles Harker for March 5-6.

cc. R. Agard
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10. The Treasurer reported that $72 collected for our special A.F.S.C. Viet-Nam Christmas gift has been sent.

11. Our Program Committee reported that our New Year's eve party was $8 in the red, but the Treasurer reported that our Quarterly Meeting program cost about that much less than we had budgeted. The Meeting approved the transfer of this sum from the one to the other budget.

cc. F. Crowe, B. Gilbert
M. Zahradnik, J. Zahradnik

12. John Zahradnik asked whether the more expensive square-dance caller (by $10) was chosen because Harold Beck belonged to the John Birch Society. It was understood that it was difficult to find an available caller. Miriam Zahradnik said that Harold Beck was not asked because some of our better dancers preferred another style of calling after their experience last year. Margaret Holden suggested in this connection that this question of pressures exerted on persons because of their political beliefs be discussed. It was suggested that this be in one of our Forums.

13. Ethel DuBois asked the Meeting whether the Meetinghouse may be used for an affair to raise funds for the Southern Student Program (AFSC). The Meeting approved this use. It was asked, however, that each such occasion of fund-raising by any Meeting group be cleared with the business meeting. Voluntary contributions are to be preferred over admission charges.

cc E. DuBois R Agard

14. The Clerk read a postcard from the American Friends Service Committee's Peace Committee about the F.C.N.L. report that this is the moment to listen to the President's speech tonight and immediately wire him supporting any hopeful moves towards peace that appear in his speech. The speech will be rebroadcast tonight at 11:00 p.m. A 15-word telegram now costs 88 cents and can be charged to one's phone bill.

15. A tabulation of replies to the questionnaire of the Religious Life Committee of the Friends General Conference was received. A copy will be circulated among the members of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and one will be put in the Library.

16. The Clerk dictated the following Minute: "The Woolman Hill retreat will be held January 28 and 29."

17. A volunteer adult baby-sitter is available for anyone,with young children, who can come to the Woolman Hill retreat [or other Meeting activities (except worship and business meetings)]* if free babysitting can be obtained. [For information consult the Clerk.]*

*[Items in square brackets were added to the Minutes later, and not read for approval.]

18. Robert Agard asked whether Friends liked the reply-postcard method used by the Nominating Committees in the past. The Nominating Committee this year will prepare a list of nominees for the Committees which may only in part reflect the preferences expressed on the reply postcards.

19. It was asked whether Ministry and Counsel members should be nominated by the Nominating Committee, and whether Ministry and Counsel should be mentioned on the postcards. There was no clear answer. The 1950 FAITH AND PRACTICE indicates that the Monthly Meeting appoints the members. The statement of the latest FAITH AND PRACTICE will be reported and discussed at the February business meeting.

20. Curtis Johnson reported that Guilford Meeting is thinking of laying down its Monthly Meeting in view of the fewness of members, and he requested our Quarterly Meeting representatives to bring in our suggestions to the Quarterly Meeting. He was urged to consult the procedures listed by the Yearly Meeting.

21. Robert Agard asked that all persons planning meetings in the Meetinghouse remember to notify him, as Coordinator of Meetinghouse Use and Programmer of Heat.

22. Phyllis Agard reminded us of our concern in the last Report on Spiritual Condition about helping young Friends to be more a part of our Meeting. She urged that we consider at a later Monthly Meeting scheduling Monthly Meetings for Business on non-school nights, when young Friends can come (i.e., Friday and Saturday). This item will be placed early in the February business meeting. We are urged to collect data on who would then attend.

- P. Agard

23. John Zahradnik asked that the burial ground be included in the February business meeting agenda.

cc J. Zahradnik

24. Philip Woodbridge announced that Robert Darr Wert, close business associate of the Kaufholds, has died.

cc. P. Woodbridge

25. Margaret Holden reported that a supply of C.C.C.O.'s HANDBOOK FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS is being sent on consignment (see December 8, 1965, Minute 13).

26. Francis Holmes reported that the notebook of photographs authorized in November 10, 1965, Minute 8 has now been added to the Library[(top shelf nearest to door to worship room, next to business meeting minutes)]. He urged that more members and attenders send or give photographs of themselves to the Library for this "rogues gallery."

cc. F. Ho [illegible]

27. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

28. The Recording Clerk was instructed to delete the expression "Ministry and Counsel's" from Minute 17 approved on November 10, 1965.

cc. M. Holden

29. John Zahradnik suggested that the Monthly Meeting review our own Preparative Meeting structure, especially the relationship of the Amherst Preparative Meeting. Francis Holmes suggested the Monthly Meeting ask the Amherst Preparative Meeting to meet and submit a recommendation to the Monthly Meeting. There was no action. The Clerk added this matter to the agenda for the February business meeting.

30. The meeting ended at approximately 10:30 p.m. with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 19. Final attendance was 17.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

[The following item was submitted for the agenda but not included in the convened portion of the business meeting:

Francis Holmes reported to the Clerk, for the Outreach Committee, that copies of the DIRECTORY have now been mailed to everyone listed therein who did not pick up a copy at one of the last 4 meetings for worship, persuant to December 8, 1965, Minute 4. The extra copies are now piled on a Library shelf for appropriate distribution to newcomers to the meeting or for other use.]

cc. G. Foster

[Names of those present at the meeting at one point or another, recorded counter-clockwise from the main door, as seen from the Recording Clerk's table:

Thomas Crowe
George Bliss
Curtis Johnson
Bruce Hawkins
Margaret Hummon
Wistar Comfort
Teresina Havens
Phyllis Agard
Robert Agard
Trevor Robinson
Francis Holmes
Margaret Holden
Philip Woodbridge
Ethel DuBois
William Hummon
Russell Brooks
John Foster
Miriam Zahradnik
John Zahradnik

9 December 1965

Thomas D. Fonda
Jaycees of Massachusetts
84 Harlow Drive
Amherst, Massachusetts

Dear Tom,

The Christmas train for Vietnam was discussed at length in our December business meeting; and while we wholeheartedly approved of the humanitarian purposes motivating the Jaycees in this project, it was the sense of our Meeting that it was incongruous and perhaps self-defeating to have distribution in the hands of military forces who are themselves causing much of the misery in Vietnam. However, as a result of receiving your letter, we were led to make a special contribution to the American Friends Service Committee for its work which is already underway in Vietnam. The AFSC has had long experience in relieving suffering and promoting peace among all peoples regardless of political affiliation. We hope that if the Jaycees consider any more such projects similar non-military organizations will be called on to help with their accomplishment.

We want to thank the Jaycees for doing something to help the suffering people of Vietnam and for arousing us to do something also even though we have chosen to use a different avenue for expression of our concern.

Sincerely,

Trevor Robinson, Clerk

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 1966, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:50 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the ninth query, on children. Attendance then was 9.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of January 12, 1966, were read.

3. Application was received from Larry Holden to transfer his Associate Membership to Full Membership. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommends he be accepted into full membership. Friends approved accepting Larry Holden as a member of our Meeting.

cc. L. Holden, F. Kaufhold

4. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel has decided that requests for transfer from Junior or Associate Membership will be handled in the same manner as regular requests for adult membership.

cc. F. Kaufhold, M/C

5. Thomas Madigan applied for Membership in our Meeting. Ministry and Counsel recommends he be accepted. Friends approved accepting Thomas Madigan as a member of our Meeting.

cc. T. Madigan, F. Kaufhold

6. The Meeting discussed changing the Monthly Meeting for Business to a weekend, in ~~order~~ accordance with the proposal in January 12, 1966, Minute 22. Many questioned whether the Young Friends would be interested once they saw the dull routine of our business. Opinion was divided also on whether the Young Friends would wish alternatively to have their own business meeting. It was agreed that the Young Friends be asked to give us a statement on how they feel about this.

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7. Frances Crowe reported for the Program Committee that the meetings on Conscientious Objection are planned [December 8, 1965, Minute 12]. An afternoon meeting will be held at 2:30 at the Meetinghouse on February 13 for Ministers, Youth Counselors, High School Guidance Counselors, parents, and members of the Meeting. Eugene Wilson of Amherst College and George Bliss of the Meeting School will speak. John Zahradnik will be chairman. An evening meeting will be held at the University, at which Milton Mayer and George Bliss will speak. Joseph Havens will be chairman. Peggy Holden will be at both meetings with lots of literature. Georgana Foster has obtained good newspaper and radio publicity. Ethel DuBois reported on her visiting 16 area High Schools and talking with principals, guidance counselors, school superintendents, etc. Some took posters and folders; others objected on the basis of separation of church and state. She gave all of them copies of the HANDBOOK FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS and will send them more literature when it arrives. She expects to visit 2 more schools. She visited also several girls' schools. The Meeting commended all who worked to bring about this event, especially Frances Crowe, Ethel DuBois, and Peggy Holden.

[illegible]

8. Frances Crowe reported for the Program Committee also on plans for a meeting in Amherst for Charles Harker of the F.C.N.L. Natalie Jarmon, PAX representative in Amherst, is cooperating in the planning, and she suggested the use of the Amherst Regional High School cafeteria (cost = $10 for the room + $2.50 if we use the kitchen to make coffee, plus the cost of coffee and cups). Philip Woodbridge is planning a gathering Sunday night in Greenfield at a private home. Charles Harker probably also will attend Meeting for Worship here on Sunday morning. He will talk at the various meetings about coming legislation. PAX has a telephone chain, which will help bring people in. It was pointed out that many may be interested in "Inside" stories of events in our national capital. Georgana Foster offered to handle publicity. Friends approved expenditure of $15, from the Outreach budget, for the implementation of the A.R.H.S. cafeteria plan.

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9. Robert Agard reported for the Nominating Committee about the appointment of membership of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. The new Discipline specifies that the Nominating Committee shall recommend to the Monthly Meeting each year names for 1/3 of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, each person to be a member for 3 years. To get us onto this system, the Nominating Committee suggests that this year we appoint 1/3 of the members for each of 1, 2, and 3 years. The Meeting approved that the Nominating Committee do so. Robert Agard said that the Nominating Committee does not, however, plan to include Ministry and Counsel on its postcard of inquiry.

10. Robert Agard reported that at its meeting last week the Nominating Committee wondered how large the Meetinghouse Committee should be. Steve Fletcher reported that the Meetinghouse Committee once felt the kitchen jobs worthy of possibly a whole new committee, but that this has not been discussed by them since the creation of the Fellowship Lunch Committee.

11. The Clerk asked all Committees to feel free to communicate with the Nominating Committee regarding details of their respective ideal committee structures.

12. The local United Church Women requested the use of the Meetinghouse at noon and during the early afternoon on Wednesday, March 9, in connection with observance ~~of the World Day of Prayer and~~ their Wednesday "Lenten Luncheons", this year on the theme "YE ARE MY WITNESS." The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel recommends we approve this request. We would be expected to provide only coffee and heat. Russell Brooks has agreed to speak. The Meeting approved this use of the building. Phyllis Agard, Miriam Zahradnik, and Georgana Foster were appointed our hostesses for this gathering.

cc. R. Brooks, P. Agard

13. There was comment that the Meeting would be glad to have the Meetinghouse used for congenial uses for special events by local Leverett neighbors. The Meetinghouse Committee was asked to bring in a recommended text for a specific written policy on use of the Meetinghouse by outside groups.

14. In review of our Preparative Meeting structure, it was clear that we were not sure just what Preparative Meetings we had. In response to the concern expressed by John Zahradnik in January 12, 1966, Minute 29, the Meeting approved that - in view of the consolidated meeting being located so near to Amherst, the Amherst Preparative Meeting is superfluous and should be laid down. It was agreed that the Amherst Preparative Meeting will be discontinued after our next Monthly Meeting (March 9, 1966) if no objection is raised meanwhile. The NEWSLETTER is asked to make this announcement in its next issue.

15. The New England Yearly Meeting, as in past years, is sponsoring a Public Witness for Peace on Good Friday (April 8) in Boston. We are asked to appoint an overseer. Bryce Ford was appointed to do this duty for us.

16. Friends Washington Witness on Viet-Nam will take place this coming Saturday, February 12th. The New York Yearly Meeting sent a letter to all Friends Meetings in the United States asking our opinions of their statement opposing the war in Viet-Nam and asking whether members of our Meeting will join in the witness. They seek also a volunteer for a Quaker relief team to aid both North and South Viet-Nam, possibly including civil disobedience. The NEWSLETTER is asked to announce this need. This literature will be forwarded also to the Peace Forum, for their information.

cc. L. Barton

17. John Zahradnik reported that, at the request of the people participating in the Peace Forum, Leone Barron has agreed to continue to convene sessions of the Peace Forum.

cc. J. Zahradnik, L. Barron, P. Woodbridge

18. John Zahradnik expressed concern that the Friends Meeting assume responsibility for providing a burial ground for its members. He asked if other members felt the same. He expressed trouble over social pressures exerted by funeral directors for extravagant burials and concern for the tradition of simple Quaker funerals. Philip Woodbridge felt that burial of the body was a grotesque custom, although he would not stand in the way of our establishment of a burial ground. There being no objection in principle to having a burial ground, a temporary committee was set up (at Joseph Havens' suggestion) to investigate technical and legal details involved and to report to us on these matters as well as on possible funeral arrangements. Thomas Crowe, John Zahradnik, Margaret Holden, and John Foster (Convener) were named to this committee. The Clerk read from New England FAITH AND PRACTICE on the subject.

cc. T Crowe, J. Zahradnik, M. Holden, J. Foster, R. Agard

19. John Zahradnik said the discussion groups meet only on an approximate schedule, not so precisely as announced in the NEWSLETTER. One suggestion made was the posting of notices on our Bulletin Board; another was that the NEWSLETTER state that the schedule is approximate and give the name and phone number of the convener.

cc. J. Zahradnik, NL, L. Barron

20. The preceding Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

21. Joseph Havens brought to the Meeting his interest in many Friends' preoccupations over the future of Quakerism. He would like our Meeting, too, to take a look ahead. He proposed we set aside the first hour or hour-and-a-half of our business meetings for discussion of general topics, announced in advance, some of which were to be discussed in business meeting anyway. John Zahradnik suggested we need more than one business meeting per month. This was elaborated to the suggestion that some of our discussion meetings might have authority to make business decisions, and that a discussion be the first item on each such business meeting agenda. The extra meeting could even be held on a Friday or Saturday evening, on trial. [cf. February 9, 1966, Minute 6 and January 12, 1966, Minute 22] Possibly the issues requiring decisions which call for the most elaborate discussions could be scheduled at the beginning of each business meeting. There was no clear agreement as to whether Minutes need be read at the beginning of a business meeting. There is a copy of the Minutes in the Library. Further discussion of the problem was postponed to next month.

cc. J. Havens, J. Zahradnik

22. Robert Agard reported on Quarterly Meeting, where the office of [illegible] Treasurer was cancelled. Guilford Meeting was not discussed. [illegible]

23. The Clerk passed around a Woolman Hill announcement. [illegible]

24. Philip Woodbridge reported on the successful retreat at Woolman Hill, with attendance of 18 or 19.

cc. P. Woodbridge, R Brooks

25. Philip Woodbridge also reported on visiting Lucia Russell, who is very weak and in pain.

cc. P. Woodbridge

26. The foregoing Minutes were read and approved.

27. The Meeting was closed at about 11:00 p.m. with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 16. Final attendance was 16.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phyllis Agard
Barbara Gilbert
Trevor Robinson
Francis Holmes
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John Foster
Georgana Foster
Margaret Hummon
Frances Crowe
Ethel DuBois
Miriam Zahradnik
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or

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MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 9, 1966, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the fifth query, on outreach. Attendance then was 16.

2. The minutes of the business meeting of February 9, 1966, were read.

3. Minute 12 of February 9, 1966, was corrected by striking out "....of the World Day of Prayer and...." and by altering "WITNESS" to "WITNESSES".

4. The Clerk passed around a letter from Russell Brooks, thanking the Meeting for the use of the Meetinghouse on March 5, 1966, for the Woolman Hill Board of Directors.

cc. R. Brooks

5. The Clerk announced that Enid Kotschnig and John Kotschnig have written, resigning their Associate Memberships in our Meeting. The Meeting accepted their resignations and the Clerk will write to them.

6. The concern of Joseph Havens (February 9, 1966, Minute 21) over a re-ordering of our Business Meeting agendas was discussed. He urged that more decisions might be left to committees and that on the agendas that have been routinely posted on our bulletin board, the major discussion subject should be explicitly stated. Several expressed doubts as to whether time spent in deciding so-called "trivial" business items can be greatly reduced. John Foster suggested the reinstitution of our former Sunday morning discussion groups, to reduce the felt need for additional non-business ~~time~~ discussion time. Some felt that business decisions are boring and others felt the making of them nonetheless essential. The question really depends on precisely what scope is allowed to the committees in binding the Monthly Meeting to follow their decisions. Several suggested that we try this discussion method, but question then was raised as to which should be first, business or generalized discussion. Examples of discussion subjects mentioned were:

Quaker burial grounds
Southern church contact
How Quakers feel about investments
Quakerism in the next 100 or more years
How to organize our meetings for business

Some said that in general they enjoyed our present business meetings. It was generally agreed that we should continue the practice of reading the Minutes. Trevor Robinson suggested that we presently have, and have been using, a mechanism for putting a concern for a certain requested discussion subject at or near the head of the agenda for the subsequent monthly business meeting. Joseph Havens proposed then that under the present arrangement we should not expect every member to attend the business meetings. John Zahradnik urged that Meeting members should feel a responsibility for the business meeting. Kathy Leonard pointed out that our present discussion proves we can and do have discussions at our present business meetings. Trevor Robinson announced that the Burial Ground Committee's preliminary report is scheduled for the April meeting and can be considered its special topic for discussion.

cc. J. [illegible],

7. The Clerk announced that, objections having been raised during the past month, the Amherst Preparative Meeting is not as yet laid down.

8. Barbara Gilbert reported on the state of the Treasury, per the attached report. To provide additional money to meet appropriations made by various business meetings for outreach purposes, the Meeting approved her proposal to shift $87 from Quarterly Meeting and Hospitality funds to Outreach.

9. Barbara Gilbert further reported that there is about $600 now in the checking account and about $4800 now in savings, but that our larger Meeting contributions are yet to be paid, and so more contributions are needed.

10. Barbara Gilbert reported that the Yearly Meeting Young Friends arrangements committee met here last Saturday to lay plans for the Yearly Meeting. They will meet here again on Sunday, May 8.

cc. B. Gilbert

11. The Clerk reminded all that a preliminary budget for the forthcoming fiscal year is customarily presented to the April business meeting. Barbara Gilbert suggested that all Meeting Committees and appropriate individuals promptly send their financial requests to Robert Myers for the Finance Committee's consideration.

12. Georgana Foster announced that the Outreach Committee contemplates publishing a series of brief biographical sketches of our members and attenders in the NEWSLETTER. The Meeting approved that these be done and that a copy of each be put in the photograph book.

cc G Foster

13. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

14. Philip Woodbridge, as Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, distributed mimeographed copies of the attached proposed text for our Monthly Meeting's "State of Society" report, compiled from the several sub-reports which the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel solicited from certain persons and which they approved. Special attention was called to the Religious Education Committee's attachment, "JOURNEY INTO WONDER". This report is to be submitted to the May Quarterly Meeting every second year. Those present quietly read the report to themselves and then disagreed at length and to both extremes over whether the language of the poetic report of the Young Friends was suitable and also whether it was representative of all the teen-agers active in the Meeting. Ellen Agard, Jill Holden and Kathy Leonard said that all of the teen-agers who had attended several of their meetings here Sundays, and all those who read the poem elsewhere, had approved the text as a report of the Young Friends to the Monthly Meeting. They spoke eloquently about the depth of meaning and truth they expressed in this poetic language. [Francis Holmes pointed out that the great divergence of opinion over the choice of words in this poem was in itself a commentary upon the spiritual state of the Monthly Meeting.]* The report, being not approved for forwarding to the Quarterly Meeting, was held to the next business meeting pending possibility of revision. All the constituent parts of the report were accepted as reports to the Monthly Meeting. Francis Holmes suggested that the Young Friends' poem be submitted for publication in FRIENDS JOURNAL or INWARD LIGHT. [One loud approval and no disapprovals were expressed about this idea.]*

cc Ellen Agard, K Leonard, J

15. Leone Barron reported on projects of the "Viet-Nam Committee" [?= Peace Forum?]:

(1) John Zahradnik has designed a series of mottos for auto stickers and Bryce Ford will cut stencils for the group to use to reproduce these.

(2) A workshop on Non-Violence is proposed for April 3 at 8:00 p.m., subject to Monthly Meeting approval. Teresina Havens proposes the acting out of situations of simulated violence. The Meeting approved. It is already being announced in the NEWSLETTER. This will be one of the regular Forums.

16. John Foster expressed regret that the Meeting gave so little support to the talk by Charles Harker of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (attendance was 12). He asked why, since the F.C.N.L. has also wondered why so few, nation-wide, support it (about 5,000 persons). Comments included: (a) we had urged this meeting as a place for others in the community than those Friends who already agreed with F.C.N.L.; (b) some felt possibly the publicity had somehow not gotten across strikingly enough; (c) the numerous conflicting meetings in Amherst were cited; (d) others had thought the meeting was the next evening.

17. The Clerk announced 2 requests for speakers:

(1) on American Indans, for the Protestant Women of the Chapel of Westover Air Force Base. The names of Ethel DuBois and Willard Weeks were suggested.
(2) on Conscientious Objection, for the Mt. Hermon School student discussion group, Sunday, April 24, at 1:30 p.m. or alternate date. The names of Bill Hefner, Bill Hummon, and John Zahradnik were suggested.

18. Leone Barron reported that the Peace Forum felt need to write up a sense of the meeting about conscientious objector status and pacifism. This was entered in the agenda of the April monthly business meeting as a discussion item.

19. Trevor Robinson reported he will be absent from the next monthly business meeting. The Meeting approved his suggestion of John Foster as Clerk pro tem.

20. Philip Woodbridge reported on the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel's discussion of the problem of noise in the hall during meetings for worship. They have decided to have a sign made to be put up when the meeting for worship begins, asking people to refrain from talking in the hall.

21. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

22. The meeting closed at 11:20 with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 18. Final attendance was 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

[Unofficial record of those present, counter-clockwise from the main door, as seen from the Recording Clerk's table:]

Bryce Ford, Joseph Havens, Steve Fletcher, Miriam Zahradnik, John Zahradnik, John Foster, Georgana Foster, Ellen Agard, Jill Holden, Kathy Leonard, Trevor Robinson, Francis Holmes, Barbara Gilbert, Marjorie Gordon, Leone Barron, Becky Holmes, Philip Woodbridge, Phyllis Agard]*

*items in square brackets[] are accurately reported but were not read back to the Meeting for approval. F.W.H.

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BARBARA B. GILBERT, TREASURER
17 PAYSON AVENUE
EASTHAMPTON, MASS.
01027

March 9/66

~~[illegible]~~ Outreach Budget - $25 -
Spent already $86 -
expected bill at least $12 - ~~$~~ $15

	Budget.	Spent so far
Administration - General	225	125
Quarterly Mtg. Hospitality -	50	Profits 37.24 (deducting already 8.00 for N.Y. party) 87.24 from [illegible]
Scholarship fund	55	accept (Holmes family - + Washington march) (plus those accumulated)
Fellowship luncheon supplies	75	73.72
Contingency fund	75	none

600 approx in checking acct.

4800 " " savings acct.

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE OF SOCIETY

of

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Leverett, Massachusetts

March 1966

1) General Estimate of the Meeting Community
2) Report of The Outreach Committee
3) Report of The Religious Education Committee
4) Report of "The Group" (Young Friends)
5) Report of South Hadley Preparative Meeting

1. GENERAL ESTIMATE

Mount Toby Monthly Meeting is still gaining in benefit from the decision made some years ago to consolidate the local groups into one central Meeting and from the later decision to build its own Meeting House. The ties that bind us seem stronger now and the strength of our fellowship seems to be felt by newcomers as well as by the settled group. The character of our Worship reflects both the seeking and the finding of those who gather and we know it to be a spiritual source of great power for the exercise of our social testimonies. However, the Meeting for Worship, which is generally regarded as central to the life of the Meeting community, apparently does not meet the need of all, for some of our young people prefer their own activities instead. This is perplexing to a number of concerned Friends.

We do have a vigorous group of young Friends growing up amongst us and they have been asked to participate in this report, appraising both their own situation and the Meeting as a whole. Their presence is at once an inspiration and a challenge, and in their relation to the Meeting all concerned are trying to overcome the problems of communication that exist even among those close together. As an extension of this problem, our Meeting has had its share of family problems, some of them resulting in separation or divorce. In some instances, individual Friends have been helpful in bringing about a reconciliation, and in difficulties of many kinds the Meeting is proving itself to be a supportive community for those within it.

It remains true, however, that our effort to understand and to accept each other often runs a rough and uneven course. There are times when certain Friends need to be more careful of the feelings of their fellow members. Some of our families are living under tensions which threaten the well-being of children and parents alike. Moreover, the striking diversity of our convictions on many matters ranging from religious thought to child management, to social action, to sex ethics, -- challenging and exciting as that variety is -- sometimes threatens the spirit of love among us, for which we yearn so deeply.

We need to learn to grow in Grace -- human and Divine.

2. REPORT OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In its various tasks of distributing information about Friends and about our Meeting activities, the Outreach Committee performs a valuable service which fully justifies calling it the "housekeeping arm" of Ministry and Counsel.

Through public notices and newspaper stories the general community is informed that Friends do exist -- right near by -- and that visitors are welcome. This committee welcomes newcomers with hand-clasp and guest book and sees that they are invited to activities that might interest them and that they are provided with suitable reading material if wanted.

The Directory, which is the main product of this committee, is of great value to our Meeting, since it is a comprehensive list of resident and non-resident members as well as active attenders. Through it, we are able to have easy access by mail or telephone to all within our circle. Scanning through it provides a pleasant reminder of good friends and our personal relationship with them through the Meeting.

Outreach is not a wholly satisfactory name for this committee in the light of its actual activities, and its members seek a closer relationship to the Student Outreach committee. Yet the Outreach Committee performs valuable services.

Outreach is not a wholly satisfactory name for this committee, as we do not do a great deal of outreach into the community. We need to be better coordinated with the Student Outreach Committee, the Young Friends and the Program Committee.

3. REPORT OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

On re-reading together the April 1964 Spiritual Condition report, members of the Religious Education Committee found it difficult even to recall the mood of misgiving therein expressed regarding the building of a Meeting House. Where would we put the 40 to 55 infants, children and young people who now come every First Day? What a relief to be able to plan Meeting activities without worrying about access to the building between Sundays, storage space, noise during Meeting for Worship! How our lives would be impoverished - children and adults alike - without the nature hikes up Mt. Toby (see attached folder-"Journey Into Wonder"), planting shrubs together, singing, group-painting, and such minor festivals as a polka in the Fellowship Room after cleaning it with another family!

These spontaneous occasions have partially but by no means completely fulfilled the dream which emerged at the Religious Education retreat at Woolman Hill in September, 1964 (a precious annual time for brainstorming and deep sharing.) We envisioned creative activities cutting across age lines which would help children and young people to feel more at home both with the Silence and with the adults with whom they share it in Meeting for Worship. This dream has not yet come true. In the minds of several teen-agers, "coming to Meeting" is still an issue to be resisted. Some adults who especially cherish our Biblical and Quaker heritage fear that our children are growing up without it. They may feel also that those who argue for sensitivity to children's needs ("student-centered curriculum") have not always been sensitive toward adults who disagree with them.

Paradoxically, as we become more of a community, we become more aware of sharp divergences like the above, some dividing parents from teen-agers but others cutting across age lines. We have discovered that parents don't always agree with each other! One parents' meeting was held in order to try to understand these differences among ourselves and to reach an agreement on minimum regulations for "sleep-overs"! Some parents felt this was useful in coming to understand each other's viewpoints. Some teen-agers felt it didn't work because they weren't in on it. We are learning that a clarifying phase in conflict-resolution is the breaking down of that "monolithic" image which each "side" tends to project onto the other (coming to see, for example, that not all white Southerners are hypocrites, or that some teen-agers may feel more conservatively about chaperonage than some parents do.) We have been led through this sometimes painful trial-and-error process (four joint parent-teen-ager discussions in four months) to a new appreciation of the Quakerly insight that the sharing and hearing of each other's conflicting feelings may be a more significant outcome of our deliberations than the fixing of a code, which will never stay fixed anyhow.

In the areas of war and peace and social concerns, our teen-agers have led us rather than merely joined us in two Washington marches, and in one CNVA demonstration at the Sikorsky helicopter plants, where some of them were arrested and testified movingly in court. They have raised money and packed clothing for aid to Mississippi Civil Rights workers. In a series of discussions on what we can do about Vietnam, a large contingent of high-school members participated actively, age differences fell away as we compared notes on our various "sufferings" resulting from standing up for a minority conviction in a country at war, and as we helped each other think how to practice Quaker respect-for-"enemies" in our relationships with antagonistic principals or colleagues.

Although members have responded unstintingly and often on short notice to "crisis" meetings like the above, few have shown interest in undertaking the regular responsibility of a First Day School class. One teen-ager queried:

> "Does the difficulty of getting people to teach mean
> that members are apathetic about teaching?"

The Committee cannot help wondering whether this reflects rather our failure to help members feel comfortable about taking on a class. Do all members a) recognize the need? and b) understand our faith that our children will benefit by sharing the special concerns and experiences of several older members, even if this may seem to sacrifice continuity?

4. REPORT OF "THE GROUP" (YOUNG FRIENDS)

Sometimes this meeting sings with the angels
and sometimes it dances with the devil
and sometimes it rolls around madly all over Mt. Toby
or howls like banshees in the swamps and on the streets of Amherst
   and snaffles the peoples' money away
or stands gazing at the world newly sprung up from the mud
or just sits there on its ass looking at the rug.

Hell is camping out on top of a little metal stairway eating snow and
   crushed gravel and
Heaven is going and going with no place you have to be or go back to
   but plenty of places you want to be and go back to.

Teen-agers are the world's best idiots
teen-agers know what freedom smells like
   adults know what it tastes like -- and sometimes forget the smell
teen-agers have dirty faces and dirty hands and dirty jeans and they
   build things and tear things apart into joyous little scraps
   that dance around on the mountains.

Teen-agers live in barns and kitchens and clothing rooms and attics
   and battered old cars called the "giant",
They can be found on top of trees and roofs and
   tables and mountains and each other;
   they subsist on lentil soup and three hours of sleep and tea and
   inspiration.

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5. REPORT - SOUTH HADLEY PREPARATIVE MEETING

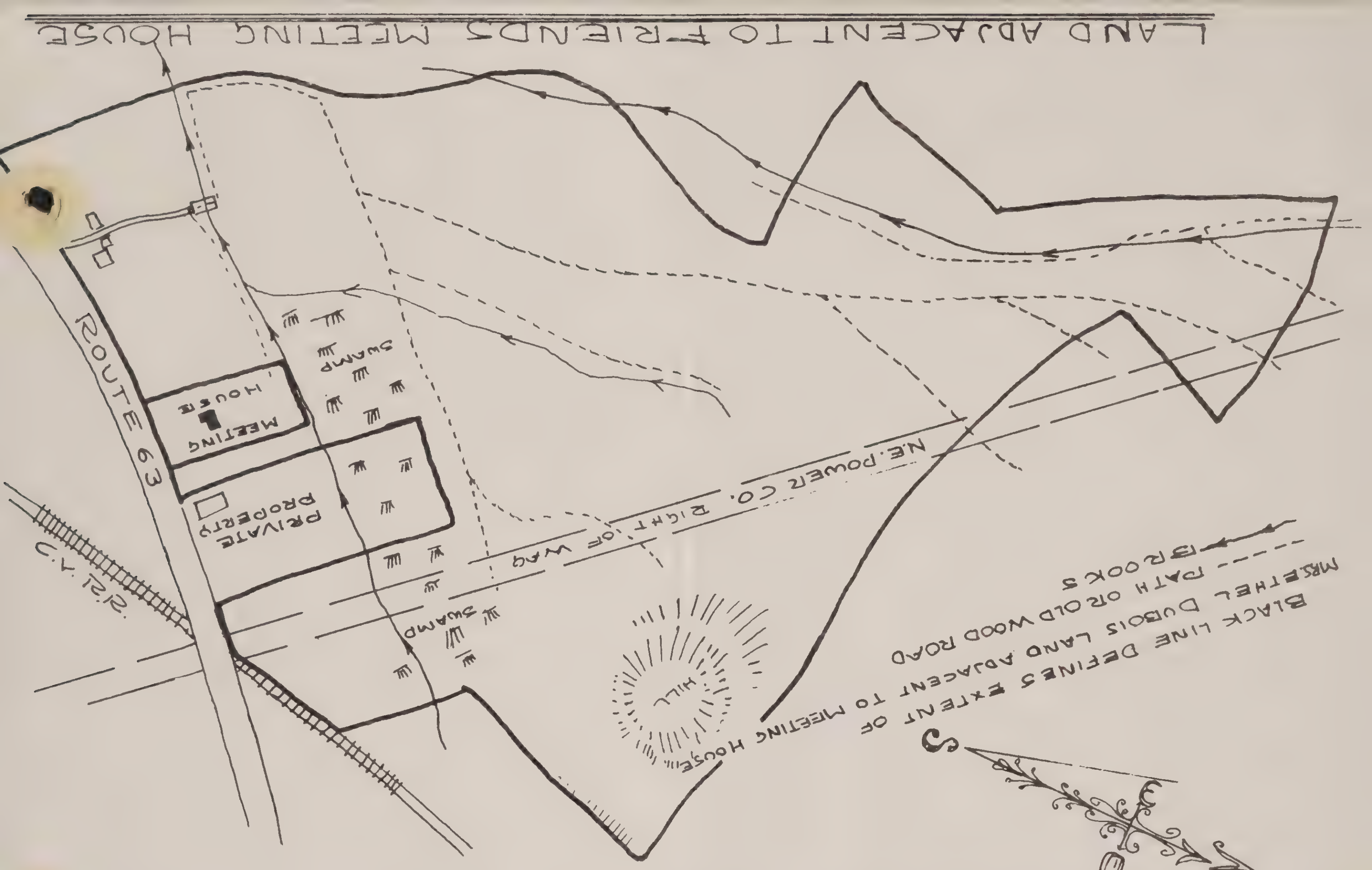
South Hadley Preparative Meeting continues to function in a somewhat limited fashion. Although most of its members participate regularly in the Monthly Meeting, there is still a need to continue the Preparative Meeting because of the Mount Holyoke students associated with it.

This town-student group has a supper meeting one Sunday each month in someone's home, with meeting for worship and discussion. In spite of small numbers, this seems to mean enough to the students to be worth continuing.

Some individuals in the Preparative Meeting also work closely with the Mount Holyoke Campus Quaker Group, which meets for worship and a meal together each week when there is no Sunday evening meeting.

Some students in the campus group and the Preparative Meeting also participate with enthusiasm in the Monthly Meeting's Four-College Student Group, sharing in worship, fellowship and discussion. Some students also attend Mount Toby Meeting from time to time.

Therefore the Preparative Meeting's role at this time is not only to provide a meeting for town and student attenders, but to foster life and growth in the campus group, and to serve as a connecting link to the Mount Toby Meeting and its four-college student outreach.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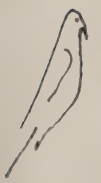
WOODLAND AND MEADOW GUIDE LINES

In your home or homes of your friends you follow certain accepted rules - for the consideration of others, for the care of property and for safety.

In the out-of-doors there are similar rules of behavior. Treat the field and woods as you would your home and its inhabitants as your friends and neighbors.

For necessary and proper management:

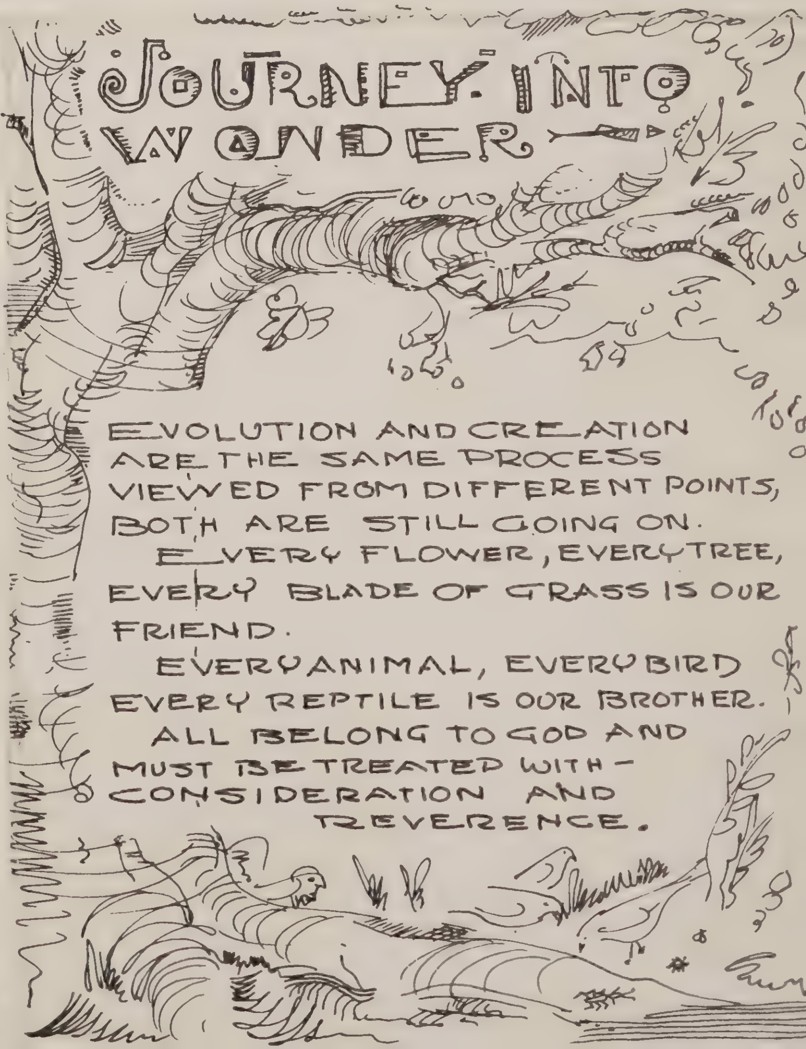


All groups should register in advance.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
A permit must be obtained for fire building.

At times adults may be requested not to smoke. One stray spark can destroy the growth of hundreds of years and the lives and homes of countless creatures.

Do not molest or harm wild life or destroy [illegible]s, ferns or flowers. Some are rare and in danger of extinction; others grow very slowly.

When in doubt, refer to the statement on the cover and let your conscience guide you.



JOURNEY INTO WONDER

EVOLUTION AND CREATION ARE THE SAME PROCESS VIEWED FROM DIFFERENT POINTS, BOTH ARE STILL GOING ON.

EVERY FLOWER, EVERY TREE, EVERY BLADE OF GRASS IS OUR FRIEND.

EVERY ANIMAL, EVERY BIRD EVERY REPTILE IS OUR BROTHER.

ALL BELONG TO GOD AND MUST BE TREATED WITH CONSIDERATION AND REVERENCE.

Business
3/30/66

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

A special meeting to consider further the Report of the State of the Society was held at the Meeting House in Leverett on the evening of March 30th, 1966. With 33 members present, the meeting was opened by the Clerk, Trevor Robinson, with the reading of The Testimony of Edward Burrough quoted in New England Faith and Practice. The maximal attendance was 36.

Philip Woodbridge was appointed Recording Clerk for the evening.

The Clerk stated that the purpose of the meeting was to resolve the differences that had arisen concerning the Report of the State of the Society. He proposed three main items for consideration:

1) Is it an accurate report of the state of the Meeting?
2) If the report is accurate, are we satisfied with the state of the Meeting?
3) Do we wish to submit the report to Quarterly Meeting?

He pointed out that the new name of the Report indicates that it is intended to cover more than the Spiritual State of the Meeting.

Russell Brooks reminded us that various groups in the Meeting had been asked to contribute portions of the Report which would be used as submitted, with a foreword by Ministry and Counsel.

Jill Holden presented an interpretation of various lines of the Young Friends' poem which constituted their portion of the Report.

Helen Griffith pointed out that poetry does not express ideas literally or objectively, and that art forms change modes of expression from age to age. She asked whether the audience for which the Young Friends' Report is intended will get the meaning that the authors put into it.

John Foster reminded us that in previous years many revisions had been made in the Reports.

Jill Holden gave the history of the production of the Young Friends' Report.

A full and lengthy discussion of the Young Friends' Report delved into such points as:

whether it is a sufficiently complete expression of their lives;

whether it represents all of the teen-agers;

the behavior of the teen-agers that has been adversely criticized by some;

the problem of the teen-agers who do not want to attend the gatherings of those who submitted this Report, and whether it would be well for them to write an additional report;

the matter of non-Quaker teen-agers who have been meeting with our teen-agers.

It was pointed out that the whole Report is a means of examining ourselves.

Russell Brooks spoke of the great diversity among Friends, and the necessity of working together effectively.

Joseph Havens emphasized that the problem is among ourselves, not in what we should send to Quarterly Meeting.

It was agreed to continue the discussion at a special meeting to be held on April 20th.

The Meeting agreed to lend its name as a sponsor of the Convocation on Peace on Earth to be held at the University of Massachusetts on April 18th and 19th, of which the National Sponsors are The Fellowship of Reconciliation and The Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.

After a period of silent worship, the meeting adjourned at about 11:30 p.m..

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk for the evening.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 13, 1966

1. The Meeting opened at 8:00 p.m. with a period of silent worship and a reading from Robert Barclay's Apology. Attendance was 21.

2. Susan Fletcher was appointed acting recording clerk in the absence of Francis Holmes.

3. The minutes from the business meeting of March 9, 1966, were read. The Yearly Meeting Young Friends will meet at our Meetinghouse May 15 rather than May 8 as recorded in the Minutes.

cc: F. Gruen

4. Steve Fletcher, in behalf of the Meetinghouse Committee, presented a list of guidelines for the use of the Meetinghouse (report attached). There was discussion dealing with:

a) charges for the use of the Meetinghouse.
b) provisions in our insurance policy for liability.
c) the section dealing with smoking in the Meetinghouse (Bryce Ford suggested that a sign be posted at the burial ground, "Smoke as long as thou canst.")
d) the section dealing with alcoholic beverages on the premises.
e) closing the fireplace flue.
f) appropriate use of the meeting room.
g) the kinds of groups that would use the Meetinghouse.

It was suggested that these guidelines be duplicated for the use of members and outsiders who wish to use the building. Peggy Holden reminded the Meeting that we must be more considerate of the scheduler. He must be notified at least a week in advance. Steve Fletcher said a sign would be posted near the time clocks giving directions for obtaining immediate heat. The Meeting approved the guidelines with suggested changes.

cc: S. Fletch

5. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

6. The Clerk read a letter from Louise Morrow asking to have her membership transfered to Bennington, Vermont, Meeting. The transfer was approved, and the Clerk will write conveying the Meeting's best wishes.

7. The Clerk read a letter from Laura Jo Judd asking to have her membership transfered to Hartford Meeting. The transfer was approved, and the Clerk will write conveying the best wishes of the Meeting.

cc: F Kaufh[illegible]

8. Philip Woodbridge reported that a visit to Pat Vidil by Helen Griffith and Phyllis Agard was considered favorable. The Ministry and Counsel recommends her being welcomed into membership. The Meeting happily accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel.

cc: F Kauf[illegible]

9. The Meeting approved a traveling minute for Frank and Maria Gruen who will be traveling in the Near East, the Balkans, and Central and Southern Europe.

10. Quarterly Meeting will meet May 8 in New Haven. The Meeting approved the appointment of Myrtle Johnson and Philip Woodbridge as our representatives.

11. The Nominating Committee inquired as to whether it is responsible for setting up a new Southern Student Project Committee (Minute 17, July 1965). The Meeting felt that the Nominating Committee should nominate members for the Southern Student Project Committee. It was suggested that possibly the same committee might

conti_nue for another term and that others who are interested might volunteer their services. Philip Woodbridge suggested that a notice be posted on the bulletin board regarding this committee.

12. There was no report from the Amherst Preparative Meeting.

13. Bryce Ford informed the Meeting that the Viet Nam Action Group has developed appropriate slogans for bumper stickers. They can be easily made for use on members' cars (Examples:"Bomb ≠ Dove","Peace = Love"). The group desired to know if the Monthly Meeting would support this project and help defray expenses. Members of the Meeting who use the stickers will pay $1.00 for the series. Philip Woodbridge felt that some people might not understand the meaning of the slogans as they are somewhat mathematical in nature. Gertrude Weir mentioned that several high school students had seen the slogans and understood them. The Meeting approved the work of the group. Philip Woodbridge suggested that there should be no pressure put upon all members to use these slogans. Alta Mae Reber suggested that there might be individual contributions toward this project. Friends approved that up to $30.00 be taken from the Meeting treasury to be used for this project.
added 11-5-66: Money received above cost will be returned to the Meeting Treasury.

14. The Treasurer made her report (copy attached). $5,161.92 has been donated toward the current budget. The budget stands at $6,560. We must collect at least $1,500.00 in order to come out in the black this year. It was approved by the Meeting that the Finance Committee make this condition known to Friends in hopes that the necessary funds will come in by May 31.

15. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

16. Robert Myers presented the budget for the year ending May 31, 1967 (see attached copy). Page Bancroft asked that the number of contributing families be indicated when the budget is put out in the Newsletter. The Meeting approved that the proposed budget be sent out in the next Newsletter to be considered for the May business meeting.

17. Peggy Holden reported that she spent $56.60 for materials for the meeting concerning conscientious objection. She asked that the Meeting reimburse her $13.70 (the balance not covered by sales). The Meeting approved.

18. The burial committee reported that the president of the Springfield Memorial Society has volunteered his services to talk to the Meeting on legal and technical corrected 11-5-66: aspects of ~~the burial procedures.~~ a memorial society. Friends approved having the committee schedule a time for this talk when most Friends can attend.

19. Steve Fletcher volunteered to be at the Meetinghouse from 7:30-7:45 p.m. while the Fireside Group from the First Congregational Church meets here at the conclusion of their myst_ery ride.

20. Friends approved holding an open house at the Meetinghouse during Yearly Meeting.

21. Friends approved of inviting Yearly Meeting attenders to meet with us at the Meetinghouse on June 26 for meeting for worship.

22. The teenage coffee house for Saturday, April 16, has been cancelled.

23. Ethel Dubois invited teenagers of the meeting to her home on Saturday, April 16, to join a group of workcampers she is having as her guests. There will be dinner and folk singing.

24. Bryce Ford reported that the annual Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston was very spiritual and profoundly successful. He felt there was a feeling of love prevailing. The vigil was very well attended by our Meeting.

25. Phyllis Agard reported that there were between 80-90 women present at the Council of Church Women's luncheon at the Meetinghouse. It was the largest luncheon in the series. It was felt that curiosity about the Meetinghouse might have contributed to the large group. Russell Brooks spoke to the group during the Meeting for Worship. cc. P. Agard

26. The Meeting approved having the clerk write an appropriate note to John Zahradnik and his family conveying our sorrow over the recent death of John's father. Bryce Ford suggested that at a future date we might consider the responsibility of the Meeting in similar situations. cc. B.F.

27. Phyllis Agard asked if the Meeting would like to have a picnic on June 12 rather than the usual fellowship luncheon. The Meeting decided to do so.

added 11-5-66:

28. Yearly Meeting Friends are encouraged to use the camp grounds available in Leverett, Belchertown, and on the Mohawk Trail during Yearly Meeting.

29. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

30. The Business Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m. with a period of silence. The maximum attendance was 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fletcher

Susan Fletcher
Acting Recording Clerk

[Those present at Meeting for Business - April 13, 1966:

Bob Bancroft
Page Bancroft
Mim Zahradnik
Barb Gilbert
Tom Crowe
Ethel Dubois
Steve Fletcher
Peggy Holden
Philip Woodbridge
Sue Fletcher
John Foster

Bob Myers
Georgana Foster
Alta Mae Reber
Laura Robinson
Gertrude Weir
Tom Hancock
Marjorie Hancock
Curtis Johnson
Bryce Ford
Phyllis Agard
Jed Sampleman
Myrtle Johnson]

[illegible]
Apr. 13, 1966

USE OF THE MT. TOBY FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE

The Meetinghouse is available for use by any group endevoring to foster and develop spiritual growth, enrichment of the inner life, better human relations, social concern, civic responsibility, and international understanding. They should also be willing to follow generally Friends' sense of stewardship regarding the use of material possesions. Permission for use of the facilities can be obtained through the meetinghouse committee (convenor listed at end) which may consult with the monthly meeting.

GUIDELINES FOR MEETINGHOUSE USE

The Meetinghouse is not available to groups practicing discrimination.

The Meetinghouse is cleaned by members of the Meeting on a weekly basis. Those who make the arrangements for obtaining the use of the building are expected also to assume the responsibility of leaving the facility as they found it.

The building is heated only when it is to be used. This requires that the scheduler of the meeting be contacted a week in advance in order to program the electric heat for the group.

For groups using the kitchen, all dishes should be washed, trash burned in the incinerator and garbage buried in the pit behind the meetinghouse next to the woods.

Keys are available from the convenor of the meetinghouse committee.

All damage to equipment or the facility should be reported to the meetinghouse committee convenor.

There should be no admission charged for activities in the meetinghouse. This does not exclude the collecting of contributions for social and religious action use.

Groups and individuals are asked not to use the furnishings for purposes other than those for which they are intended.

The meeting for worship room has been designed for meetings only. Any other use should have prior permission from the meetinghouse committee.

The benches and pads in the meeting for worship room should not be rearranged without prior permission.

Consistant with the Friends beliefs, smoking should be discouraged within the meetinghouse proper and no alcoholic beverages are to be brought on the premises.

If any equipment or supplies are to be borrowed from the meetinghouse the meetinghouse committee convenor should be contacted in order to keep a record of the location of all materials.

Before leaving the meetinghouse the person responsible for the group concerned should check to see that all doors are locked, internal doors are closed, lights are off, windows are closed and the fireplace is completely put out with moderate amounts of water.

FEES

No fee for meeting sponsored activities

Use of the meetinghouse proper	$5/evening
Use of the Meetinghouse plus kitchen	$10/evening

(for longer periods confer with the meetinghouse committee)

Minutes for the Business

April 13/66

Treasurer's Report.

1965-66 - Budget	$6,560
total collected so far towards operating budget..	$ 5160.92
total expenditures so far since May 31st.	$6314.50

(approx $500 for capital Mtg House fence & windows).

So that we will need approximately $1500 more contributed before May 31st in order to end the fiscal year in the black.

Barbara Gilbert.

Minutes for the Business Meeting of April 3, [illegible]

1. The meeting opened at 8 p.m. with a period of silent worship and a reading from Robert Barclay's Apology. Attendance was 21.
2. Susan [illegible] was appointed acting recording clerk in the absence of [illegible].
3. The minutes from the business meeting of March 6, [illegible] were read. The yearly meeting young Friends will meet at our meeting house May 15 rather than May 8 as recorded in the minutes.
4. [illegible], on behalf of the Meeting House Committee presented a list of guidelines for the use of the meeting house. (report attached) There was discussion dealing with:
   - a) charges for the use of the meeting house
   - b) provisions in our insurance policy for liability.
   - c) the section dealing with smoking in the meeting house. (Bryce [illegible] suggested that a sign be posted at the burial grounds, "Smoke as long as thou canst.")
   - d) the section dealing with alcoholic beverages [illegible]
   - e) closing the fireplace flue
   - f) appropriate use of the meeting house
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It was suggested that these guidelines be

explanation for the use of members and outsiders who want to use the building. Peggy [illegible] reminded the meeting that we must be more considerate of the neighbours. We must be notified *at least* a week in advance. Steve Fletcher said a sign would be posted near the time clock giving directions for notifying immediate host. The meeting *approved* the guidelines with suggested changes.

5. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected and then *approved*.

The clerk read a letter from Louise Morrison asking to have her membership transferred to Bennington, Vermont meeting. The transfer was *approved*, and the clerk will write conveying the meeting's best wishes.

7. The clerk read a letter from Laura J. [illegible] asking to have her membership transferred to Hartford meeting. The transfer was *approved*, and the clerk will write conveying the best wishes of the meeting.

1. Philip Woodbridge reported that a visit to Pat Vidal by Helen Griffith and Phyllis Ryan was considered favorable. The Ministry and Council recommended her being welcomed into membership. The meeting

happily accepted the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel.

9. The meeting approved a traveling minute for [illegible] and Marie [illegible] who will be traveling in the Northwest, the Balkans, and Central and Southern Europe.

10. Quarterly meeting will meet Day 8 in [illegible]. The meeting approved the appointment of Myrtle Johnson and Philip Woodbridge as our representatives.

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10. The Treasurer made her report. (copy attached) $5,161.12 has been donated toward the current budget. The budget stands at $6,550. We must collect at least $1,390. in order to come out in the black this year. It was approved by the meeting that the Finance Committee make

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17. Peggy Hudson reported that she spent $8.50 for materials for the meeting concerning conscientious objection. She asked that the meeting reimburse her $3.71 (the balance not covered by sales). The meeting approved.

18. The burial committee reported that the president of the Springfield Memorial Society has volunteered his services to talk to the meeting on hopes and techniques supported by the burial profession. Friends approved having the committee schedule a time for this talk when most Friends can attend.

Steve Fletcher volunteered to be at the meeting house from 7:30-9:30 p.m. while the Junior Group from the First Congregational Church practice around the conclusion of their mystery ride.

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29. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

30. The Business Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m. with a period of silence. The maximum attendance was 23

Those present at Meeting for Caucus - April 2 [illegible]

Bob Bancroft
Peg Bancroft
Dan Z[illegible] Jr
Bert Hilbert
Tom Irvine
Ethel Hutchins
Steve Stettler
Peggy Hinkle
Philip Woodbridge
Sue F. Peters
Jean Foster

Bob Myers
Virginia Foster
Alta Mae Robinson
Louise Robinson
Marjorie ~~Peggy~~ Weir
Mr Brennan
" Brennan
Lester Johnson
Bryan Brown
Phyllis Spears
Jed - Templeman (22)
Myrtle Johnson

As previously noted, this Meeting has some difficulty in communicating with its teen-agers and it seemed that the best way to get an authentic report from them would be to ask them to write it themselves. This was done and they were promised that their statement would be made a part of the total report of the State of the Society intact, without any alterations.

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When the following poem was presented to the Monthly Meeting it was highly praised by many but others found it very disturbing. Some, in fact, wish to disassociate themselves from it entirely, by name, as follows:-

We believe, however, that in these reports, the Meeting is called upon to expose its true "state," avoiding the temptation to obscure matters by the use of traditional idioms. We should consider our weaknessXX as well as our strength, our loneliness and indirection as well as the love and unity that are evident, our sorrows and joys alike. Furthermore, we must affirm our confidence in the emerging spiritual life of all among us. Therefore, being mindful of the reservations of some, the Meeting accepts and forwards the following statement in full.

Meeting on Ministry & Counsel
March 15, 1966

Minute to Monthly Meeting fo Business and to the Teen-agers:

Meeting for Ministry and Counsel discussed the Report of The State of Society and the reception of it by Monthly Meeting for Business. We are disturbed and concerned about the lack of tenderness shown toward the feeling of others in considering the report of the "Teen-age Group". We feel we must be more fully aware that the young people and newcomers will learn of Quaker spiritual values and Quaker ways from the lives and actions and words of the Quakers with whom they associate. Although we find the report of the "Teen-age/ group" may need interpretation to some, we ~~feel it is~~ believe it i a true and deeply felt statement of their condition and of their feeling about the meeting and their place in it.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 20, 1966, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting was opened at 8:20 p.m. with a period of silence. The Clerk read the 9th query.

2. Friends approved the appointment of Susan Fletcher as acting recording clerk in the absence of Francis Holmes.

3. The Clerk summarized the feelings of Friends as disclosed at recent meetings concerning the state of the society. He said he feels Friends are satisfied with the outreach of the Meeting and its vitality. Friends are not completely in agreement with the direction of the First Day School and the influence we may have on our children. Many views exist concerning this report.

Several explanations of the poem written by some teenagers for the State of Society report were offered. We were reminded by Peggy Holden that each of us has a different view of the Meeting: the teenagers also have their views which must be considered. It was commented that the poem is the first evidence of freshness and vitality that has been witnessed in the writing of a State of Society report.

There were attempts to parallel the family and the Meeting. In our families we encourage our children to be discreet in passing on disagreements within the family. Others felt it is important, above all else, to be honest in our evaluation: the teenagers have been.

Barbara Gilbert read parts of a letter she had received from Ed Hinshaw in connection with our concern about teenagers about which she had written him.

Some felt the poem had served its purpose by promoting discussion and aiding us in understanding one another. There were feelings that the teenagers had been offended by the reception the poem has had among us.

The deletion of several words from the poem was suggested. Also it was suggested that the title of the poem be changed to "A Report of a Group of Young Friends". Philip Woodbridge suggested that the first portion of the report, "General Estimate," be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting. Alta Mae Reber reminded Friends that we must seek the sense of the Meeting through prayer.

Georgana Foster stated that the life of the Meeting as an institution is vitally important and that individual freedom must be secondary, and that Some had expressed thoughts of resignation from the Meeting because they felt such diversity in beliefs. Michael Rice felt that individual differences are essential in a group such as ours. He suggested submitting a "patchwork quilt" type of report where individual differences can be expressed.

Curtis Johnson suggested that we report to Quarterly Meeting that we are still prayerfully seeking the state of our Meeting. Friends agreed to do this. [This was not done because a further meeting was called for May 1]

John Foster told briefly about readings he and Georgana have done concerning struggles of early Friends to cope with internal differences. (i.e., the Quakers and the Ranters of George Fox's time)

4 It was agreed to meet Sunday, May 1, at 7:45 p.m. for another special business meeting concerning the state of the society. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan C. Fletcher
Acting Recording Clerk

Barbara [illegible] was perhaps a little [illegible] has [illegible] poem [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] about [illegible] [illegible] him.

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[illegible]

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Respectfully submitted,

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MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 1, 1966, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silence and the reading of the first query. Attendance then was 14.

2. Minute 14 of March 9, 1966, and the Minutes of the Special Business Meeting of March 30, 1966, were read. The Minutes of the Special Business Meeting of April 20, 1966, were read, corrected, and then approved.

3. The Clerk summarized the situation as including 3 sorts of proposals for solution:

(1) a patchwork quilt report, without attempting to find internal unity;
(2) a shortened and more generalized report;
(3) a fresh start with a new report, an historical account which would include annotated minutes of the discussions since March 9th.

The Clerk said further that we have a request from John Musgrave for the State of Society Report by May 4th. Myrtle Johnson asked whether we would appoint someone tonight to write items 2 or 3, above. Bryce Ford suggested we just delete the Young Friends' report. Bruce Hawkins and Philip Woodbridge urged that it be included. Susan Fletcher suggested that we send only the first section of the existing report. Michael Rice felt the second alternative, above, unacceptable and he urged a short amendment be added to the original report explaining the state of our society thereover. If the minutes are submitted, the poem would have to be an appendix. Myrtle Johnson urged we should provide a single, unified report to the Quarterly Meeting. Susan Fletcher asked whether the patchwork type would be Committee-by-Committee or person-by-person. Trevor Robinson said that each of the 5 groups in the present report had reported on the whole meeting, as they saw it. Bruce Hawkins hoped we could explore further the possibility of deleting parts of the Young Friends' poem. Francis Holmes asked whether the Meeting may not have so changed that the report is now obsolete. Bryce Ford felt the poem must be submitted as it stands or wholly omitted. Peggy Holden said, however, the Young Friends have agreed to deletions or changes, in order to help the Meeting in its present difficulties. Susan Fletcher said that she and Georgana Foster felt the Outreach report section was not intended to be part of a State of Society report, and thus might be omitted or shortened. Phyllis Agard read a suggested insertion by Russell Brooks, to accompany the Young Friends Report (attached). Trevor Robinson and Peggy Holden suggested that much of Russell Brooks' wording could be adapted, but without listing those who disagree with the poem. Michael Rice pointed out that so many in the Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting have doubtless now seen or heard of the controversial poem anyway that its absence will be conspicuous. Margaret Hummon felt it important that we come to some report but urged that the Clerk's alternative "3" would involve too great a volume to dump upon the Quarterly Meeting. Robert Agard pointed out that Section 1 of the report expresses very well our present tribulation and might be adequate in itself with slight revision. Peggy Holden urged that it was proper that we include sentences about unity and also sentences about diversity. Curtis Johnson then read from Thomas Bodine's THE MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP, which the Meeting considered for a time in silence. Trevor Robinson stated he felt there has been a growth in caring and in love for one another during the 6 weeks' discussions over the report. Alta Mae Reber and Bryce Ford said that the silent worship unites us. Francis Holmes proposed the following text:

> "In its efforts to write an acceptable report on the State of Society the Meeting discovered the essentiality of further study and of efforts to understand and to love one another better. It therefore pleads for the prayers and sympathy of other Friends as it continues its struggle to improve its spiritual condition [until at last a report can be prepared acceptable to the whole Meeting.]" (words in square brackets later deleted.

Myrtle Johnson agreed to the sending of the "General Estimate" section with some changes. Robert Agard suggested the Clerk write an addendum giving our discussions on the State of Society Report as an example of the difficulties of our diversities. Marjorie Gordon pointed out that improvement of our spiritual condition is more important than finding a text for a report, and she suggested that there is no need for finding a long, detailed wording that would be acceptable. Susan Fletcher asked if there is anything actually dishonest about the "General Estimate." Bruce Hawkins said that it is a question of emphasis, in the light of the way in which these reports are usually read. Margaret Holden agreed with Marjorie Gordon that our condition is more important than our report. Bryce Ford said each of us sees a segment of reality, that truth is not just a bunch of ideas, and that none of us sees total truth except by a full sense of the presence of God. Myrtle Johnson proposed accepting Francis Holmes' text without the reference to further preparation of a particular report. The text was read again, ending after "spiritual condition." Michael Rice urged that this text not be made less stark by additions, since our real needs and true concerns are stark. There was general approval of sending that statement fo Quarterly Meeting as our report. Trevor Robinson felt that Quarterly Meeting's Meeting on Ministry and Counsel will have questions to ask. He asked that as many representatives as possible be present from our Meeting, to permit discussion. Michael Rice suggested the poem be available for reference. Bryce Ford said that we should not further disseminate the Young Friends' poem. Francis Holmes suggested that, as the Clerk had an official copy in his Minutes, inquiries about details be referred to him. Alta Mae Reber said that our representatives at Ministry and Counsel's meeting should be allowed to discuss the matter as the way opens to them at the time. Phyllis Agard asked that if the poem be made available, the notes by the Young Friends accompany it. (copy attached to these Minutes).

4. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved. The Meeting closed at about 10:00 with a brief period of silence. Maximum attendance was 17. Final attendance was 10.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis Holmes
Recording Clerk

(Persons at this meeting, counterclockwise from the main door, as seen from the Recording Clerk's table:)

Bruce Hawkins
Michael Rice
Bryce Ford
Myrtle Johnson
Curtis Johnson
Alta Mae Reber
Robert Agard
Phyllis Agard
Margaret Holden
Trevor Robinson
Francis Holmes
Ethel DuBois
Marjorie Gordon
Margaret Hummon
Philip Woodbridge
Miriam Zahradnik
Susan Fletcher

REPORT OF A GROUP OF YOUNG FRIENDS
on their condition, their feeling about the meeting and their place in it
Mt. Toby Meeting, March 1966

Sometimes this meeting sings with the angels
and sometimes it dances with the devil
and sometimes it rolls around madly all over Mt. Toby
or howls like banshees in the swamps and on the streets of Amherst
    and snaffles the peoples' money away
or stands gazing at the world newly sprung from the mud
or just sits there looking at the rug.

Hell is camping out on top of a little metal stairway eating snow and
    crushed gravel and
heaven is going and going with no place you have to be or go back to but
    plenty of places you want to be and go back to.

Teenagers are the world's best idiots
teen-agers know what freedom smells like
    adults know what it tastes like- and sometimes forget the smell
teen-agers have dirty faces and dirty hands and dirty jeans and they build
    things and tear things apart into joyous little scraps that dance
  around on the mountains.

Teen-agers live in barns and kitchens and clothing rooms and attics and
    battered old cars called the giant
they can be found on top of trees and roofs and tables and mountains and
    each other
they subsist on lentil soup and three hours of sleep and tea and inspiration.

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The following explanatory notes were written by two of the teen-agers and the convenor of the Religious Education committe(who is also the mother of three of the group) to explain obscure points and correct misconceptions:

The people of the meeting gather to sing hymns or for folk dancing, and there are frequent nature walks and family hikes on nearby Mt. Toby. Also, like all of mankind, we sometimes do things as we should and we sometimes do things we shouldn't. (lines 1 to 3) Line 6 refers to an appearance of spiritual apathy.

In the fall of 1964 the teen-age Sunday School group became interested in helping the civil rights work and voter registration work in Mississippi. To raise money, they agreed that interested families might eat "skimp suppers" or "Delta dinners" once a week, the savings in grocery money going to Mississippi. Later the group met on alternate Fridays to cook their own skimp supper together. Frequently the menu was lentil soup, corn bread, and skim milk. (line 14)

With the permission of the town selectmen, the group solicited money in the center of Amherst most of the day before Christmas 1964, and raised over $279 for the work in Mississippi. (line 4) Sometimes apathy prevents more effective action. (line 6)

One teen-ager who has a full time job bought, reconditioned, and maintains an old car called "The Jolly Green Giant". It is a great help in transporting members to Meeting and other activities. (line 12)

At one time a footprint was found on a meeting house table, raising questions of irresponsible behaviour. The full story turned out to be this: a teen-ager had noticed a loose ceiling tile, climbed on the table to fix it, and removed shoes to avoid scratching the table. (line 13)

Meeting for Business prefers to omit "and each other" in line 13. "On top of--- each other" has been interpreted by adult readers as roughousing and wrestling, as early-teen awkwardness, as piles of girls at a slumber party, or as petting, according to the preconceptions of each reader. Those who live with many teenagers know it is a common condition.

ŌM A Hindu word including the first sounds of a new baby and the last sounds of a dying old person signifying (among many meanings) the whole range of human experience.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
Meetinghouse: Long Plain Road, Leverett, Massachusetts
Telephone: 413-253-3588

Date: 2 May 1966

Dear John Musgrave,

It is my responsibility to send to you and to call to your attention the attached extract from the minutes of the business meeting held on 1 May 1966

Sincerely,

Francis Holmes
Recording Clerk

3. ".....The Clerk said further that we have a request from John Musgrave for the State of Society report by May 4th.........'In its efforts to write an acceptable report on the State of Society the Meeting discovered the essentiality of further study and of efforts to understand and to love one another better. It therefore pleads for the prayers and sympathy of other Friends as it contimues its struggle to improve its spiritual condition'..........There was general approval of sending that statement to Quarterly Meeting as our report........"

CONNECTICUT VALLEY
QUARTERLY MEETING

New Haven
May 7-8, 1966

Quarterly Meeting, Sunday, May 8, Connecticut Hall, Old Campus, Yale University

9:45 - 10:45	Meeting for Worship
11:00 - 12:00	Meeting for Business
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch (Adults $0.75, Children $0.50)
1:15 - 3:15	Consideration of the Problem of Understanding between Youthful and Adult Members; panel and group discussions with Edwin E. Hinshaw, Young Friends Secretary, N.E.Y.M., organized by New Haven Young Friends.

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Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Saturday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.,

at the Musgraves

90 Ardmore Street
Hamden, Connecticut 06517
Telephone: (203) 248-5432

(Ardmore Street goes west, from Whitney Avenue, to your right as you proceed south, about 1 mile south of Wilbur Cross Parkway Exit 61 at Whitney Avenue. 90 Ardmore Street, white stucco, is about 2/10 of a mile from Whitney Avenue, on the south side, left, of the street.)

Please return this reservation with indication of number of persons to:

Elizabeth C. Musgrave
90 Ardmore Street
Hamden, Connecticut 06517

I/We will be at the Q.M. Meeting on Ministry and Counsel supper.

I/We will want to spend Saturday night in New Haven.

I/We will eat lunch on Sunday.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 11, 1966, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASS.

1. The meeting opened at 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the third query, on meetings for business. Attendance then was 10.

2. The Minutes of the business meeting of April 13, 1966, were read.

3. Three corrections or clarifications were made in those Minutes:

Minute 13: Question was raised about whether the $30 paid to cover cost of bumper stickers was in addition to the $1 charged per series. Bryce Ford said that the money received above cost would be returned to the Meeting treasury. cc. B. Ford, R. Aga

Minute 18: The words "the burial procedures" were replaced by the words "a funeral society". cc. J. Ford

Minute 27: The following sentence was added: "The Meeting decided to do so."

4. The Clerk read a Minute from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel approving the applications of Gertrude Weir and Daniel Weir for membership. The Meeting approved their applications. The Clerk will write to them and welcome them. cc [illegible]

5. Myrtle Johnson, Phyllis Agard, Marjorie Gordon and Curtis Johnson reported on the Quarterly Meeting. At Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel the several reports on State of Society were read, and then a summary. All the six Monthly Meeting reports will be sent to all six Monthly Meetings. The other Monthly Meetings have had troubles similar to ours. The discussion was general about all the reports. We may well have lost our sense of proportion since our own troubles are so close to us. The only other subject discussed was the procedure for laying down Guilford Monthly Meeting. Quarterly Meeting for Business lasted 1 hour and 20 minutes this time. The Quarterly Meeting program considered interrelationships of adults and Young Friends, first by a panel and then in discussion groups. The next Quarterly Meeting will be at Monadnock. This will be followed by a meeting for worship at the Cathedral of the Pines on Sunday evening, August 7. It was reported that we will not be asked for money by Quarterly Meeting for several years. cc. M. Johnson, P. Agard, M. Gordon, C

6. Francis Holmes described the indecision of Library, Meetinghouse, and Outreach Committees over 2 alternative arrangements to separate the "free" and "for-sale" literature from the library's "loan" literature, either by placing a second table in the library, so that the present table may be released for the work of the library, or by building a display rack for the entry hall. Russell Brooks pointed out the value of a small, compact, active display like that at Cambridge. Peggy Holden proposed a pamphlet rack for display of free literature, to go into the library and relieve the work table. The for-sale literature program is coming to an end. Robert Agard pointed out the advantage of a vertical display such as libraries use for magazines. The Meeting asked the Meetinghouse Committee to bring to the Monthly Meeting recommendations about where the Outreach literature can be placed other than on the table in the Library, from which it will be removed. cc F. Holmes

7. Robert Agard submitted the attached report of the Nominating Committee upon the standing committees of the Meeting, and discussed in particular the alternatives to a Program Committee, which the Nominating Committee recommends be laid down. They brought no nominations or recommendations regarding the present ad hoc committees of the Meeting. The name of Laura Robinson was added to the Clothing Committee list. The dates of service were corrected to read "June 1966 - May 1968". The Meeting approved the report of the Nominating Committee as amended, with the understanding that no list so extensive can be completely acceptable to all. The report of the Nominating Committee is to be published in full in the NEWSLETTER. cc. R. Agard

8. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

9. The attached proposed budget for the next fiscal year, as published in the last NEWSLETTER, was discussed. Philip Woodbridge described the hopes of Woolman Hill for expansion of its activities. The "Social Order Committee" item was deleted. The First Day School Committee item [=Religious Education Committee] was raised from $210 to $250. "Local Outreach" was increased to $150 and the words "and speakers" were added to its description. It was expressly pointed out that the contingency fund can be used to cover expenses of Quarterly Meeting beyond the money collected as a charge for the meal then. The budget was approved as amended. cc. R. Agard, B. Gilbert, R. Myers, [illegible]

10. Barbara Gilbert submitted the attached report showing that $1215 has been received since the last regular business meeting, leaving only $300 to be raised in the next 20 days to meet the expenses of the current fiscal year.

11. The Meeting approved the appointment of Helen Holmes and Joseph Havens as Trustees with terms expiring in 1972. The Meeting agreed that the other Trustees at present are:

John Zahradnik and David Holden (to 1968)
Thomas Crowe and Barbara Brooks (to 1970)
the Treasurer (ex officio)

Their names were added to the Nominating Committee's report.

12. Teresina Havens read the attached report of the Student Outreach Committee, by Joseph Havens. It was pointed out that some students have come to the meeting for worship through encounter with the Student Outreach program. The Meeting accepted the report with expressions of gratitude for the fine work done by Joseph Havens and his committee. cc. J. Havens

13. Robert Agard read the attached report of the Library Committee. The Meeting accepted this report with the comment that its approval of the functioning of the Library is implicit in its budgetary increase.

14. The Religious Education Committee retreat will be from Thursday, September 1, at 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, September 3, at 2:00 p.m. The committee asked the Monthly Meeting to approve the use of the committee's available funds to form scholarship aid rather than merely to make up the difference of overall costs at Woolman Hill. [illegible]

15. The Clerk announced that the Religious Education Committee asks that the Monthly Meeting schedule a called Business Meeting to discuss the philosophy of religious

education. Phyllis Agard explained that the committee felt the feelings of the people in the Meeting ought to be aired, thus perhaps making us all a little more gentle towards one another on this subject. It was approved that a meeting might be called by the Religious Education Committee on this subject.

16. Open house and tea here for Yearly Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 22. The Fosters volunteered to oversee the arrangements for this event. Philip Woodbridge offered to help show people around.

17. The final draft of the revised FAITH AND PRACTICE will be available soon. Pre-publication price is $1 for paperback and $2 for hardcover, in lots of 10 or more. It was agreed that all member families ought to have it. The Meeting decided to buy one paper-bound copy per member family and to hold these for the families to buy from the Meeting. Discussion led to suggestions of 80 to 100 copies. The Clerk was asked to guess how many we should stock and, in order so to do, to consult with the Yearly Meeting about their intentions as to their holding a stock for future sales.

18. Becky Holmes announced the need for people to help sort clothing at the Meetinghouse the first week in June, the proceeds of the annual clothing drive at Amherst College.

19. Becky Holmes announced that Mrs. Beatrice Craig (Debbie's mother) will be here soon for a visit. Friends are encouraged to meet her and offer fellowship.

20. Peggy Holden announced that the Mount Holyoke students will conduct a Clothing drive soon.

21. Philip Woodbridge called to our attention that only one person has signed the notice posted for a retreat at Woolman Hill 16 days from now. The Meeting approved his suggestion that we release the time we had reserved at Woolman Hill.

22. At the suggestion of Russell Brooks and Francis Holmes, the Meeting approved that we endorse the campaign of the Human Relations Council and local churches for pledges against racial discrimination in employment in Amherst.

23. Margaret Hummon reported there soon may be a proposal for low-cost, federally financed housing in Amherst.

24. Georgana Foster and Trevor Robinson reported on the Memorial Service for Joseph Barnes, a resident of Leverett, held Sunday, May 1, at the Meetinghouse under the care of this Meeting. Attendance was approximately 150. Many were pleased with how well this service was conducted. There will be a report in June on how we can be better prepared for such an event. It was pointed out that this was a first opportunity for us to become a part of the immediate community.

cc T Robinson

25. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

26. The meeting closed at 10:55 p.m. with a brief moment of silence. Maximum attendance was 23. Final attendance was 11.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk

MT TOBY FRIENDS MEETING

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTED 5/11/66

I. Nominations for meeting officers to serve ~~September~~ June 1966 - ~~August~~ May 1968

CLERK:	Margaret Holden
RECORDING CLERK:	Philip Woodbridge
TREASURER:	Robert Agard

II. Meeting on Ministry and Counsel
In accordance with the decision of the monthly meeting of 2/9/66 and the Faith & Practice, members are appointed for three year terms. To insure rotation this year, Ministry and Counsel has been divided equally between Friends serving one, two, or three years, and there have been several new appointments.

*Phyllis Agard	1967	Trevor Robinson	1968
Curtis Johnson	1967	*Julie Leonard	1968
*Philip Woodbridge	1967		
		Barbara Gilbert	1969
Georgana Foster	1968	Bruce Hawkins	1969
		Robert Myers	1969

III. Trustees (for 6 year terms)

Helen (Becky) Holmes	1972
Joseph Havens	1972

John Zahradnik + David Holden (to 1968); Thomas Crowe + Barbara Brooks (to 1970); Treasurer ex officio

IV. Committees

Clothing — Helen (Becky) Holmes, convener

Carrie Johnson
Marianne Kehrli
*Dorothy March
Lois Smith

Marshall Smith
*Mary Taylor (as vailable)
Dudley Towne
Laura Robinson

Fellowship Luncheon — Janet Ford, convenor

Page Bancroft

Mary Clark

Finance — Stephenson Fletcher, convenor

Russell Brooks
*David Holden

*Robert Myers
Robert Agard, ex officio

* Denotes a current appointment to this committee.

History & Records *Fritz Kaufheld, convenor

*Helen Griffith
Thomas Hancock
Lucas Havens

Library *Frances Holmes, librarian convenor

Thomas Crowe
*Susan Fletcher
*Gladys Myers
Gertrude Weir

Meetinghouse *Curtis Johnson, convenor
(The duties assigned to members of the committee comply with the recommendations of the present committee)

Phyllis Agard	kitchen supervisor
*Robert Bancroft	grounds supervisor
*Stephenson Fletcher	building maintainance
John Foster	cleaning schedule
[illegible]	[illegible]

Newsletter Marian Hambleton & Laura Robinson, [illegible] co-convenors

Lester & Margaret Clarke, correspondents

Ellen Kendall
*Mary Kentfield

Ruth)
Margaret) Reber
Rebecca)

Outreach Georgana Foster, convenor

Rose Bancroft
Margaret Clarke
*Joan Gil
Margaret Herman
*Allison Kaufheld

Peace & Social Concerns Bryce Ford, convenor
(It is recommended that this committee assume responsibility for the Vietnam project)

*Leone Barron
Marian Brooks
Prudence Burgess
Lester Clarke
*Frances Crowe
Thomas Hancock
Flora Johnson
*David Leonard
*Mary Kentfield
Philip Rosen
Miriam Zahradnik
Philip Zahradnik

* Denotes a current appointment to this committee.

Program

So little interest was shown in serving on this committee that we recommend that it be laid down and that programs be arranged according to the interests of standing committees or that ad hoc committees be appointed as needed.

Religious Education *Ethel Dubois, convener for 1 year
with option of extension

Jennette Agard
*Page Bancroft
Mary Comfort
John Foster
*[illegible]
Marjorie Hancock
Wilfrid (Bill) Havens
*Patricia Lanford
*Nancy Rice
*William Ross
John Zahradnik

Southern Student Project Alta Mae Reber, convener

From the meeting:
*Ethel Dubois
*Francis Holmes
*Helen (Becky) Holmes
William [illegible]
*Thomas Madigan
Polly Ulin
Richard Ulin

Non-meeting members
John & Mildred Spencer
Nelson Woodfork
Robert Denise

Student Outreach Joseph Havens, convener

*Bryce Ford
Marjorie Gordon
Teressina Havens
[illegible]
[illegible]
Dudley Towne
Louise Wilson
Miriam Zahradnik

Respectfully submitted

John Foster
Helen Griffith
Margaret Holden
Robert Agard, convener

[illegible]

* Denotes a current appointment to this committee.

MT TOBY FRIENDS MEETING

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1965-1966.

The Library Committee bears the responsibility of operating and developing the meeting library. The chief purpose of the library is to provide a collection of materials concerning the Society of Friends and relating to concerns of interest to the Society. The library should also have other religious materials, and this year particular efforts were directed to broadening ~~the~~ its scope to include more juveniles and more books of interest to the teen-agers. The Committee feels that although many of the library books may be avilable elsewehere, the convenient access offered by our meeting library may encourage more extensive use of books. A much larger budget allocation has been requested for the library for next year (1966-1967), so that the library collection can be strengthenee and made more useful, especially in the areas of religions and social and current problems.

The library increases by purchases and gifts. This year nearly 170 books have been added to the library, largely though the generosity of Francis Holmes, who permitted the Library Committee to make selections from a large collection of books given to him. ~~There are~~ Several dozen titles in this gift are awaiting cataloging at the time of writing this report. Nine titles have been purchased, and 15 more are now on order. The committee has bought a number of paper backs, which are now being subjected to the "Vinabind" process, which should render them as durable as hard cover books. Another important source of books is the Mosher Book and Track Society, which usually gives the meeting three books a year.

During the year several members of the committee assummed special responsibilities: Frances Holmes tended to the weekly circulation and to the periodicals; Gladys Myers organized the vertical file of pamphlets; and Robert Agard and Syue Fletcher were the catalogers. The whole committee held several sessions for the preparation of books for circulation. Several exbitis were prepared, notably on Peace and on Friends schools. exhibit

In September, 1965, Helen Griffith relinquished the post of convenor of the Libracy Committee. The whole meeting will wish to take note of the remarkable service which she has rendered in the development of the library. The generosity of her time , money and books have been truly significant in the growth of the library.

and $232.38 in the savings account

Ellen Agard
Sue Fletcher
Francis Holmes
Catherine Leonard
Gladys Myers
Robert Agard, Convenor.

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS
BARBARA B. GILBERT, TREASURER
17 PAYSON AVENUE
EASTHAMPTON, MASS.
01027

May 11/66

Last month I reported $ 1500.00
was needed to come out
in the black for this fiscal year -

Since then contributions totalling $ 1215.00
have come in -

leaving about $ 300.00
still needed to balance
the budget for the year ending
May 31st.

We have $ 1285.01 in our checking account.
and 4332.38 in the savings account.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

by Joseph Havens
May 11, 1966

There have been no startling innovations or breakthroughs in the college student program this year. We continue to reach a small group of students (10 to 20) from the four colleges who are seeking outside the usual channels for something they find it hard to identify -- a philosophy of life, deeper companionship, sharing of feelings and experiences, a sense of identity. A continuing characteristic of the group is the sharing of the search for ethical and religious guidance among both students and older members of the Meeting. It is interesting to note that both the Mt. Toby program for Young Friends and the New England one seem to appeal to the older students, frequently those at the graduate level. Perhaps this is a bias of the programs which should be examined.

At the first meeting of the year, in early October, it was decided to combine the student activities of the four colleges and to hold a monthly gathering to which students from all the colleges would be welcome. (Mount Holyoke did continue to hold local meetings also, which are reported below.) These meetings were usually held on Sunday evenings, from 5:30 to 9:00 or 9:30; they included a simple supper, worship and discussion or activity. The latter focussed primarily on Communication. We experimented with communication through listening to music, especially Hindu and modern electronic, through group paintings, and through discussion of experiences. This year for the first time the college students planned and carried out two retreats at Woolman Hill, a 24-hour one in October and a full week-end in April. The first one, focussing on the relation between social action and religious experience, was a good encounter for nearly all of us and indicated that a 24-hour experience can be a significantly deep one. The April week-end included six or seven hours of work at Woolman Hill, folk-dancing and somewhat leisurely, unplanned discussions. It was good fun and intellectually stimulating, but cancellations of six students at the last moment highlighted the difficulty of planning such time-consuming activities for our heavily pressured students.

There has been less continuity of attendance at the meetings this year, and thus less carry-over of discussion and acquaintance. This may have been due partly to the combining of the four college groups, with attendant difficulties in arrangements. Directions of program for next year are by no means clear. One of our hopes for next year is to build a planning committee of students to take over most of the details of meeting arrangement.

The Mount Holyoke Quaker Group is a part of the college Fellowship of Faiths. Students also are a part of the South Hadley Preparative Meeting, which has about seven supper meetings each year. The preparative meeting has tried to aid them with their campus group and to serve as a link to the Mt. Toby Meeting and its student outreach. Peggy Holden is advisor.

The chairman has been involved with the Personnel Committee of the United Christian Foundation on the University campus, and through this has participated actively in the wider campus ministry.

Joseph Havens, Chairman

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 8, 1966, MEETINGHOUSE, LEVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS

1. The meeting opened at approximately 7:55 p.m. with a period of silent worship and the reading of the third query, on meetings for business. Attendance then was 9.

2. In the absence of Philip Woodbridge, Francis Holmes was asked to serve as Recording Clerk, pro tem. He agreed to do so. cc. G. Zabriskie, P. Woodbridge

3. The Minutes of May 11, 1966, were read.

4. Curtis Johnson rose to speak to Minute 7 of May 11, 1966 (Nominating Committee report). Margaret Holden asked leave to step aside during discussion of the Nominating Committee report, since her service as Clerk results from this report. John Foster was asked to serve as Clerk pro tem, for this discussion. He agreed to do so. Curtis Johnson then read the attached statement to the effect that he had found and still did find the Nominating Committee report actually to be unacceptable. John Foster described experiences in circumstances wherein action was taken without unanimity. Robert Agard said that one nomination had been objected to in advance, and the Nominating Committee had reconsidered it and reaffirmed its nomination. At Steve Fletcher's suggestion, the Meeting considered how to avoid letting all know to whom an objection has been made. It was proposed that nominations be read one meeting ahead of the decision or published in a NEWSLETTER issued well before the meeting at which the decision is to be taken. John Foster stated as a sense of the Meeting: "that we ask Nominating Committees in the future to present slates one month in advance of final approval, that we encourage Friends who have helpful suggestions for the Nominating Committee to feel free to make them in advance of the presentation of the nominations, and that Friends who have objections to the nominations be encouraged to discuss them with the Nominating Committee prior to a date set by the Committee." The four proposals of Curtis Johnson for the Meeting's immediate action were then reread. Julia Leonard urged that we consider a more spiritual aspect of the matter of suitability of nominees: whether we ought not to help a growth of our Meeting's spirit by accepting, as the Lord has done, persons we may consider lowly or rejected, for tasks into the performance of which these persons may grow. She urged that consideration of the spiritual improvement of ourselves not be submerged in the bureaucratic machinery of operating the meeting. Becky Holmes added the example of the "suitability" of the disciples of Jesus for the roles to which He nominated them. Myrtle Johnson asked for a period of silence, which ensued. Myrtle Johnson suggested that we appoint a committee to counsel with persons who feel strong disagreements with Meeting action, for the sake of reconciliation. Steve Fletcher pointed out that this is the function of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. John Foster proposed that a committee be asked to find out who are involved and to counsel with them, and that in the meantime the nominations approved last month stand temporarily. Possibilities considered for the reconcilers were: (a) an outsider, (b) the individuals concerned, (c) the Meeting for Business, (d) an appointed committee. Francis Holmes suggested that a committee of reconciliation be set up and be drawn from the names of those who have already agreed to serve on the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel. Julia Leonard urged that we accept our fellows despite the imperfections we may discern in them. Russell Brooks referred to an article by Elizabeth Scorpen in the FRIENDS JOURNAL. He also suggested that the Monthly Meeting or the present Meeting on Ministry and Counsel select a list of persons to perform the function of reconciliation. He urged the necessity of resolving also the general differences between groups in the Meeting. John Foster stated a sense of the Meeting "that there be a committee to perform the function of reconciliation." Becky Holmes suggested the committee of reconciliation be chosen by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. Friends approved that the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel determine who of their membership can serve on such a committee and then select the committee from their own members and others as needed. Michael Rice suggested that the presently

approved officers and committees serve as approved last month for the terms designated at last month's Business Meeting, with the understanding that a reconciliation might include adjustments. The Meeting approved. Wistar Comfort raised the question as to whether the objections of Curtis Johnson were fully met. Curtis Johnson said he felt that sufficient machinery had been set in motion to satisfy his concern. Nancy Rice voiced the importance that the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel make clear its openness to give advice and counsel. Russell Brooks described the various efforts made by the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel to do this. He said also that the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel should not feel rushed in so large and important a task as we have now laid upon them. Myrtle Johnson asked how to deal with unacceptable membership on the Committee of Reconciliation. John Foster said that such objection could be brought to the Clerk of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. [illegible], J. Zahradnik

5. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved. Margaret Holden then returned to service as Clerk. cc. M. + C. Johnson, J. Foster, R. Agard, J. Johnson

6. Phyllis Agard spoke to the May 11th Minute 14. She said it was the intention of the Religious Education Committee to ask about the use of the Meeting's funds also for scholarship aid. Francis Holmes pointed out that no approval was stated in Minute 14 of May 11. Peggy Holden said that the proposal in Minute 14 had indeed been approved last month by the Meeting. Barbara Gilbert said that the Meeting has a Scholarship Fund ($50 for the year) which could be applied in this way. Phyllis Agard said that the cost per person for the Retreat is about $10.50. The Religious Education Committee was asked to submit a specific proposal, requesting particular funds. cc. P. Agard, E. DuBois, [illegible]

7. The Clerk announced that Trevor Robinson found that the Yearly Meeting will have a stockpile of the new FAITH AND PRACTICE. He has ordered 90 paperbacked copies and 5 hard-covered copies. cc. T. Robinson, G. Foster

8. The Clerk read a letter from Wesley Frost requesting a travelling Minute. He will study in East Africa this summer and wishes introductions to Friends in Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya. The Meeting approved that the Clerk write him such a Minute and also send him a note suggesting that he contact the Friends World Committee for suggestions of persons he may visit there.

9. The Clerk read a note from Lois D. Barnes in appreciation of the Memorial Service held for Joseph Barnes (May 11, 1966, Minute 24). cc G. Foster

10. The Clerk read a form letter from Thyra Foster, Chairman of the Archives and Historical Records Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting, requesting a sample of our Newsletter, if any. John Foster said that the Yearly Meeting Clerk receives our NEWSLETTER regularly and this copy should be made available to the Yearly Meeting's archivist. The Meeting asked that the letter be referred to our History and Records Committee with the request that they send a reply.

11. The Clerk read a letter from Thomas Bodine regarding the possibility of holding the 1967 Rufus Jones lecture in Amherst, followed by a Conference at Woolman Hill next April 7-9. The Lecturer will be David Mallory of the Friends Council on Education. Friends were delighted to welcome this opportunity. There are adequate auditoria of various sizes at the University of Massachusetts campus. The Clerk was asked to reply indicating our pleasure at and approval of the plan, and to ask what we should do to cooperate. Michael Rice suggested that we mention also the presence in Amherst of the Laymen's Academy for Ecumenical Studies.

12. The Clerk called attention to a long questionnaire from the United ~~Church~~ Society of Friends Women. The Meeting asked the Clerk to acknowledge the questionnaire, stating that here the women and men participate equally in all the normal activities of our Meeting.

13. Curtis Johnson reported a request from the Yearly Meeting for aid in their Equalization Fund (for transportation and scholarship aid for attendance at Yearly Meeting).

14. The Clerk placed on the table for all to consult:
(a) an announcement from China camp.
(b) a peace statement from the Storrs Meeting.

15. The Clerk read the attached Minute from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel on Harold Winchester, deceased April 24, 1966, with the suggestion that the Monthly Meeting write its own or adapt or adopt this one, to be sent to his wife, Lois Winchester. The Meeting approved sending the Minute, with slight rewording by the Clerk, to Lois Winchester and to the Quarterly Meeting as a Minute of the Monthly Meeting and of the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, and inserting its text into our records (attached).

16. Georgana Foster reported a need for people to help furnish cookies and to help serve at the tea for the Yearly Meeting, to be held at the Meetinghouse on June 22 from 2:00 to 3:00. Cookies can be given to Georgana Foster on Sunday, June 19. Several volunteered to help.

cc G. Foster

17. John Foster asked whether our sign by the road can be up by Yearly Meeting time. Curtis Johnson said it can.

cc. C. Johnson, J [illegible]

18. The Fellowship Picnic after Meeting for Worship next Sunday was announced. Phyllis Agard requested a volunteer to help with the clean-up after this picnic. Those present guaranteed the cleaning-up.

cc. P. Agard

19. Planning for the Quarterly Meeting was postponed until July.

20. Barbara Gilbert reported we met our last year's budget within a few dollars. She has turned the books over to Robert Myers for the Finance Committee.

cc. B. Gilbert, R. Myers, R. Agard, [illegible]

21. Reading of the reports of the Religious Education Committee, the Clothing Committee, the Finance Committee and the Burial Ground Committee, and nomination of a new Nominating Committee were postponed until July. It was agreed that action be taken in September on the nominees proposed in July for the new Nominating Committee.

cc. P. Agard, B. Holmes

22. The Clerk announced that she will be away for the summer and requested a replacement. Francis Holmes was asked to serve in July and agreed to do so.

23. The preceding Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

24. The Meeting closed at 10:55 p.m. with a brief moment of silence. Maximum attendance was 24. Final attendance was 12.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk, pro tem

June 13, 1966

The Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends and its Meeting on Ministry and Counsel wish to minute their sense of loss in the death of Harold Winchester, whose long and courageous struggle to recover from a stroke ended on April 24th, 1966. The Meeting would also send heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife, Lois Winchester, without whose loving and constant care that struggle would hardly have been possible.

Our Meeting's memories of Harold Winchester are happy ones. In 1955 he was leader in a group of Friends in the Great Barrington area who asked our Meeting (then called the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting) to accept them as a part of our Meeting, as a worship group in it, in spite of their distance from us. We agreed, and welcomed them to our fellowship, regretting, however, that distance kept many Meeting members from knowing him well, though not from recognizing him as a man of vision and initiative. Until the last few years our August Meeting for Business was held at Gould Farm where he and others greeted us with warm hospitality. Several times he drove a carload of Friends to Amherst or Leverett. His interest in our new meeting-house was keen.

Even now we still have an opportunity to become better acquainted with him through the booklet he published and sold during his illness, a collection of articles he had written earlier. It is called MATURING CREATIVITY and is in our Meeting Library, which he had enjoyed and made use of on one of his rare visits.

We are grateful for his life and especially grateful for the gallant way he met road-blocks on his journey through life, a heartening example for us all.

Signed on behalf of the
Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends

Margaret Holden, Clerk

(1)

For presentation at the Mt. Toby monthly business meeting, June 8, 1966.

I stand on a matter of principle. regarding minute No 7,

In order that a record of what I have to say may be available, I have written out that which I wish to present to the meeting, so that there can be little dispute about what has been said.

It is very likely that what I have to say may be difficult to accept, but let me assure you that I shall make every attempt to say what is necessary in a spirit of friendliness and good will for each and everyone involved. That it will be taken in the same spirit will thereupon be the responsibility of the listeners.

It should be unnecessary to point out that I propose to speak out -

First, as a member of this monthly meeting, and concerned about its well-being,

Second, as a parent of teenage children in this meeting, - and concerned about their well-being,

Third, ~~as~~ the clerkof your quarterly meeting, ~~and~~ hence I am also ex-officio member of the meeting for ministry and counsel of that group, matters of the sort that we must currently be considering will doubtless become a vital concern of that organization,

and Fourth, as one who is keenly aware that unfriendly attitudes have arisen between several people of the meeting, and that it must be the concern of each of us to attempt to re-establish such feelings of ~~concern~~ goodwill for each other as is befitting members of the 'Society of Friends'.

I shall make no attempt to distinguish which particular'hat' that I am wearing in the several statements that I am about to make; it is my conviction that in speaking the truth, this will not be required - for the same things will need to be said.

As you have just heard the reading of the minutes of the May, 1966 monthly meeting, regarding the acceptance of the report of the nominating committee - it is ~~with~~ most regretful that it should be necessary at this time to call for a review of that minute of the May meeting. Many of you are quite aware that it was passed in spite of objections that were raised to its acceptance. I submit that it was definitely ~~the~~ contrary to the 'sense of the meeting' principle that is fundamental to the Friends' way of doing business. It is generally considered preferable to take no action whatsoever when there is no ' sense of the meeting'.

In order to make clear that objections were raised, I wish to make it known to everyone that Myrtle and I talked over the phone at considerable length with the clerk the evening before, so that he would be cognizant of the fact that there were objections, and what the nature of the objections were, so that it would be possible for him to probe more deeply into the nature of the difficulty and act accordingly. Then, at the time of the suggested acceptance of the minute, I made it known adequately - as a reminder of our previous conversation - that the objections were in order; and at the reading of the minute, I was shaking my head with a definite 'negative' response- - - - and all three of these were found unacceptable to the clerk.

I have had prolonged conversation with the clerk since that time, in the presence of another, and he was appraised even more completely of the objections that exist.

To date - only a ~~no~~ minor portion of the reasons for these objections have been removed. It is therefore my considered opinion that the report of the nominating committee is unacceptable as it stands. I have reason to believe that the number

in varying degree - [illegible]

of members that share in this opinion is considerable, and certainly sufficient to make it abundantly clear that the report of the nominating committee as it currently exists cannot remain the sense of the meeting without certain modifications.

It seems that the monthly meeting should therefore proceed in the following fashion, or some suitable and acceptable variation of this:

a. By nominations from the floor, appoint a new nominating committee, to suitably reconsider the currently proposed list, and by additions and deletions, bring it ~~into a~~ into a state that can be considered acceptable.

b. That the new listing of officers and committees be posted in the meeting for at least ~~2~~4 weeks prior to any action being taken upon it, such that members of the meeting have the opportunity to give their suggestions to the nominating committee.

members that two lists - a that of for nominating Nominating Com.

c. That ~~opportunity~~ be provided at the monthly meeting at which the report is considered ~~for separate consideration~~ of officers ~~and~~ of the meeting, ~~from~~ to the group listed as committee members, ~~such that~~ Thus delay in acceptance of a portion may not unduly influence the action of the portion that is accepted.

d. That, with due respect for the feelings of people involved, that the stated objection of an individual should be sufficient to delay the action of the group as a whole, without the demand that explicit elaboration of the 'why's and 'wherefores' for his being uneasy or uncomfortable with a given report or minute or action. When it can be voiced ~~pp public~~ publicly without undue personal repercussions, it normally is likely to be voiced. This is, of course, nothing new in matters of Quaker business - it is simply restating the principles of the Friends' way of doing business.

c. That members be provided with two lists by the new nominating committee - one of officers and one of proposed committee members. Any delay in the acceptance of one of these lists will then not prevent the action on the other group.

It shall be noted that I have named [illegible] the foregoing. Some of those names in which I am aware [illegible] may [illegible] the basis is not known [illegible] others may feel. However, the [illegible] in the fashion [illegible] in handling it need be bandied about in meeting, and the new report of the new nominating committee can then be appropriately acted upon.

Budget for year ending May 31, 1966, presented 6/65

OPERATING BUDGET

Meeting Activities	
Administrative and general including telephone	200
Library	50
First Day School	210
Newsletter	250
Quarterly Meeting Hospitality	50
Scholarship Fund	50
Fellowship Luncheon Supplies	55
Contingency	75
	940

Meetinghouse Maintenance	
Insurance	460
Household and cleaning supplies	50
Equipment (mops, brooms, etc)	0
Floor waxing annually	100
Janitorial service (Volunteer and emergency)	50
Lawn care (Volunteer labor plus rough clip 3 times/yr)	45
Snow removal	150
Heat and Light	750
	1,605

Local Outreach	
Students - Coffee - Motto Calendars	25
	25

Regional Outreach	
Yearly Meeting Contribution	500
Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	30
Quarterly Meeting Contribution	30
Woolman Hill	125
China Camp	50
Friends' General Conference Meeting House Fund	15
	750

Widespread Outreach	
American Friends' Service Committee	25
Freind's Committee on National Legislation	25
Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors	15
Friends' World Committee and Fellowship Council	15
	80

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	3,400
Amortization	3,160
TOTAL BUDGET 6/1/65 to 5/31/66	$6,560

Budget for year ending May 31, 1967, presented 4/66

OPERATING BUDGET

Meeting Activities		
Administrative and general including telephone	$	200
Library		150
First Day School		210
Newsletter		200
Quarterly Meeting Hospitality		-
Scholarship Fund		50
Fellowship Luncheon Supplies		175
Contingency		75
Office Furniture		-
		1060

Meetinghouse Maintenance	
Insurance	460
Cleaning supplies and equipment	75
Floor waxing annually	100
Janitorial Service	-
Lawn care (rough clip 3/yr)	45
Snow removal	150
Heat and Light	650
Repairs	150
	1630

Local Outreach	
Coffee, posters, notices and other expenses for special meetings	100
	100

Regional Outreach		
Yearly Meeting Contribution	$	500
Y. M. Equalization Fund		60
Quarterly Meeting Contribution		-
Woolman Hill		125
China Camp		50
Friends' General Conference Meeting house Fund		25
Mass Council of Churches		15
		775

Widespread Outreach	
Am. Friend's Service Committee	25
Frd's Com. on National Legislation	25
Central Com for Conscientious Obj'rs	50
Frd's World Com & Fel Council	15
	115

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	$	3,680
Amortization		3,160
TOTAL BUDGET 6/1/66 to 5/31/67		6,840

Note: May 1, 1970, annual payments of $500 to Meetinghouse Fund become payable.

Also, ~~May 1, 1970~~ Jan 1, 1969, interest payments to Greenfield Friends become payable; $ 21,000 at 5% would add each year $ 1,050.

Business
July 13,1966

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The regular monthly meeting for business was held at the Meeting House in Leverett on July 13th, 1966. The meeting was opened at 8 o'clock by the reading of the 2nd Query for Children by the Acting Clerk Francis Holmes. The attendance then was 8.

1) The minutes of the June meeting were read and one correction was made.

2) Robert and Phyllis Agard and Barbara Gilbert were appointed Representatives at the August Quarterly Meeting in Rindge, New Hampshire.

3) The report of the Religious Education Committee was read by Phyllis Agard. The Meeting expressed its appreciation for the extent and thoroness of the report. The report accompanies these minutes. Concern was expressed that the report be made easily available to more members than those present at this meeting. It was recommended that copies be made for all members of the Committee on Religious Education, for parents in the Meeting, and for use at the meeting referred to in Minute 15 of May 11th. Francis Holmes offered to cut stencils for reproduction of the report, the copies to be distributed by the Religious Education Committee.

4) Francis Holmes read the report of the Clothing Committee. The report accompanies these minutes. Georganna Foster said that greater support from the general membership is needed in the work of the Committee.

5) Barbara Gilbert read the Treasurer's Report which follows:

	May 31/65 - May 31/66
Cash on hand atbeginning (Savings acct. 3,128.63) (Checking acct. 663.31)	3791.94
Total receipts	$8988.97
Service charges	11.57
Operating expenses	$4099.64
Amortization	$2996.76
Total expenses	7107.97
May 31/66 Cash on hand	
Checking acct	$1340.56
Savings acct.	4332.38
Cash total	$5672.94

I closed the checking acct and deposited everything in Amherst Savings Bank.

Cash on Hand plus Receipts included earmarked for driveway and prepayments for future years.	$1808.52
So — net receipts for current expenses	7180.45
expenditures	7107.97
surplus	72.48

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Barbara B. Gilbert

Russell Brooks expressed the gratitude of the Meeting for the labor of love of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee.

The Clerk made the following announcements:

6) Mt. Toby Meeting need not pay Massachusetts sales tax. Those involved in making expenditures for the Meeting may obtain tax forms from Robert Agard.

7) Literature from Friends' World College will be placed in the Library vertical file.

8) The Bishop's Players,of California, will present Bernard Shaw's Saint Joan in the United Church of Conway on July 19th at 8 p.m..

9) A letter concerning a Commonwealth Service Corps' Migrant Project was presented, and will be referred to Bruce Hawkins.

10) An offer from Jerome Davis of free literature from Promoting Enduring Peace will be referred to the Outreach Committee.

11) The Clerk read a traveling minute from Westwood Friends' Meeting, California, reintroducing to us our former member Vincent Newton, who has lately visited our Meeting for Worship.

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12) The procedure of appointing a Nominating Committee was discussed. The following were nominated for appointment to the Nominating Committee:

Trevor Robinson
Curtis Johnson
Myrtle Johnson
Alta Mae Reber
Allison Kaufhold
Teresina Havens

It is planned to make the appointments at the September meeting.
Russell Brooks pointedout that restrictions should not be placed in advance on the actions of committees.

13) For the Quarterly Meeting in this area in October:

> The Religious Education Committee was requested to take care of the program;
> Miriam Zahradnik offered to take care of food;
> Myrtle Johnson offered to take care of lodging; and
> Curtis Johnsonwas requested to act as coordinator.

These appointees were authorized to go ahead with the execution of plans for Quarterly Meeting.

14) It was approved that no Business Meeting be planned for August.

15) Teresina Havens wasappointed Acting Clerk for the month of August, 1966.

16) The presence of the Rebers in our midst brought up the question of transfer of the children, who are full members of Illinois Meeting, to our Meeting, since children growing up in our Meeting fall in the category of Junior Members. The following minute from Ministry and Counsel was read, and the problem was discussed at length:

> "When families including minor children who are full members of another Monthly Meeting present a certificate of transfer from that Meeting, we are prepared to accept all of them into full membership even though the children may be of an age where the New England Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice would classify them as Junior Members."

The Meeting approved the acceptance of letters of transfer for the entire Reber family if and when they will be presented. The Meeting is concerned that the general principles involved in transfer of children from other Yearly Meetings be fully considered at later meetings.

After a period of silence, the meeting closed at 11:30 p.m.. The maximal attendance was 13.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
MAY 1966

PART I
Survey of First Day School Policy

It is evident, from a reading of minutes and other records, that our religious education program has evolved steadily over the years, each new committee building on the work that has gone before, with due regard to previously felt needs and its own resources.* We now have a body of established policy and recommendations which it might be well to abstract at this time.

The annual report of 1957 defined our objectives as "establishing a program of religious education that would serve the growing needs of the child over the years" and "achieving a closer relationship between first day school and the home." The cirriculum was intended to "introduce the child to God in nature and love in his early years, provide him with background education in Christianity and other world religions in his middle years, and acquaint him with Quaker testimonies and practice toward the formation of a personal religious philosophy in his later years."

In June of 1958 "there was felt to be a real need for more religious study with the children in place of the more general program of the past year." The next fall "the committee decided to ask the program committee to consider themselves a co-committee----in providing adult religious education." They "also felt that small groups of Friends who had a special interest in getting together to discuss a topic should be encouraged."

A list of aims of the first day school at this time included "Biblical background, history of Christianity, experiencing---worship, examining---beliefs, sharing--- of religious experience and fellowship as part of the church family, adult education, history of Quakers and their beliefs and principles, providing freedom of thought and religious experience for all ages."[1]

In 1960 five years Meeting and Friends General Conference materials were provided as a basis for planning curriculum. "Each teacher was free to choose" the material he wished to use.

Another statement of the aims of religious education mentioned "developing the child's sense of belonging to God-- wonder--- awareness--- experience of ~~God~~ love-- surprising and new ways of looking at things." "First Day School should teach subject matter not as evangelical Bible study but [as ways to] increase children's knowledge of their religion and other religions." "Meeting for worship should be part of the first day school program. It is our direct connection with God." "First day school should be a creative experience--- not bound by theology, convention, creed, dogma.--- [In it] we share with our children that which fulfills us---, foster spiritual growth,---provide children with a faith to live their daily lives [by], strengthen the Meeting through the experience of love which spans all differences."

The 1961 report speaks of a "balanced program of religious education,--- service projects, and creative fun, building positive feelings toward the Meeting and providing things to look forward to on Sundays."

In May 1962 the committee proposed a basic 3-year curriculum for all ages and noted that "teachers would not be bound to the selected theme if it did not meet the needs of the class." The annual report says "teachers have developed their own programs this year. A coordinated curriculum is still needed, still under discussion."

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* It seems as if, repeatedly, there is a 6-year cycle. The committee becomes aware of and discusses a need; the next committee, in its 2-year tenure, works at the problem; and the next committee meets the need. In the meantime other needs have made themselves felt and the cycle has started again.

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Anotebook of teachers' records of what they had taught was started.

In 1962-63 the adults and the junior-high group shared occasional programs of slides and talks. There was the first indication of concern that young friends be included in committees, and there was talk of ways of drawing them into the Meeting, and of need for a teen-age social group. The next year the committee talked about regular social activities which would include the whole meeting. They worried about classes covering too great an age range not meeting the needs of all members. The question of classes for new and prospective Quakers was raised, and of joint teen-age-adult discussions.

From the Woolman Hill retreat in September '63 came the following Sunday School policy minute: "The sense of the Committee is that first day school teachers need guidance in the choice of topics, but should not be constrained to a particular topic at a particular time which may not meet the needs of the class nor use the abilities and interests of the teacher. To this end, and for the information and guidance of parents as well, we feel each child's first-day-school experience should include the following topics, along with others which are appropriate to each class and teacher: the life and teachings of Jesus, the church year and development of the Christian church, Quaker lives, origin of Quaker concerns and testimonies, universality of man's faith, practice of other religions and other Christian denominations, preparation for meeting for worship, the Hebrew prophetic tradition, Quaker prophets, science and religion. Teachers are encouraged to remember the child's need for freedom ~~for~~ in his own search for a personal philosophy and are further encouraged to seek out in older members of the meeting a source of the continuity of the Quaker tradition which so many of the children lack through the lack of Quaker grandparents. Teachers are requested to keep records of those topics which their class has covered and of unfilled needs which they are aware of, and to encourage the children to contribute to these records. Each prospective teacher should be provided --- with the records for his class, along with any Friends' material which may be helpful."

At the Retreat in September '64 there was a general feeling that adult discussion, meeting for worship, and Sunday school should become more of a unified whole, with Friends of all ages mixing more freely in all three. Various interest and craft groups following meeting for worship and Sunday school were planned for most Sundays, along with all-family programs on Fellowship Sundays. Continuing this was found to be beyond the resources of the committee, and the next year it attempted to provide, besides the 5 Sunday school classes, only an activity or program of general interest on Fellowship Sunday.

In December of 1964 some of the teen-agers, meeting to rehearse a play for the Christmas program, said 'This is fun. Let's do it more often.". This was the beginning of a lively social group which met on alternate Fridays for over a year. A great deal of effort was made to include all teen-agers in the Meeting; friends and friends of friends who came to the Friday group eventually gravitated to the Sunday school. By the next fall, the two groups were identical. Interest died out in January of 66.

PART II
Sunday School Program 1965-66

The committee has tried to base its activities on this body of established and accepted policy. This year there were enough students, space, and teachers to divide the elementary-school children into three classes. There were also a large nursery-kindergarten group and the teen-age group. The following table is compiled from random samplings of attendance from ~~October~~/September to April:

class	low	high	usual attendance
nursery	7	21	8 to 10
grades 1 & 2	5	7	6
grades 3 & 4	2	6	5 to 6
grades 5 & 6	3	8	5 to 7
grade 7 and up	8*	26	1o to 15*
total	30	55	40 to 45

*Sept. to March only. Attendance in April was 4 each Sunday.

PART III
Continuing areas of need and recommendations for future action

Each of ~~these~~ the following difficulties has been mentioned repeatedly in the past; each deserves our continuing concern and attention. Limiting factors have been lack of time, energy, or personnel. Thankfully, lack of funds has not been a problem.

1. Too-great age span
Most reports mention the difficulty of trying to serve too many ages in one class, Elementary- school classes now have two grades in each, which seems satisfactory. The committee plans to divide the youngest group next year into a nursery (probably infants to 3 years) and a kindergarten (4-and 5-year-olds) with more planned activity than the younger children. The teen-age group could now be divided into junior and senior high classes, or we could follow the Hartford meeting's plan of giving teen-agers a choice of either of two classes or the adult group.
See minute #7, March 1966

2. Nursery equipment
The nursery needs better furnishings, particularly a completely equipped ~~doll~~ corner for doll play and playing house, and a better assortment of carefully chosen books and puzzles in good condition. "This is where our children will be introduced to the Meeting. It should reflect the value we place on the growth and development of children in our care.

3. Adult education
Records for 1964-65 show 21 activity and discussion sessions attended in part or almost entirely by adults. Some of these drew practically no participants. In 1965-66 two very active groups discussing peace and sex ethics arose spontaneously and continued for many months. It is not clear how much the religious education committee should involve itself in direct planning for adult education.

4. Communication
We need a better flow of information as to what is going on and what is planned for the future, between committee and parents, committee and children, children and parents, committee and meeting; there should also be a more systematic way for parents to make their needs and wishes known to the committee. The Meeting is growing too big ~~to~~ for the committee to have to depend on chance comment and hearsay. Annual joint meetings of REC and M&C are planned for the future. Annual evaluation meetings are being considered.

5. Loss of young people
Records show an occasional concern about loss of young Friends as active members of the Society, consideration of how to bring children closer to the life of the Meeting, and questioning of how well the religious education they are getting fills a need in their lives. This spring has seen the virtual demise of the Friday night teea-age social group and aradical drop in attendance in the Sunday school group. Reasons have not yet been determined.

6 Curriculum planning
At times classes have not had the curriculum they should have had because of difficulties in finding teachers to handle the particular subject the class was ready for. Other classes have, over the years, covered the same topic two or three times. On the other hand many children have had stimulating experiences with creative teachers who were working with topics that interested them deeply. There is a need for longer-range planning and teacher training.

7.Teacher supply
Shortage of teachers has been a repeated complaint of all ~~teachers~~ committees, sometimes to the extent of suggesting that children must depend on home and parents for religious instruction.* All the Meeting- not just the parents- needs to be concerned with the spiritual nurture of the children in the Meeting. "WE are endowed with a wonderful group of ~~young people~~ children. Getting to know and love them is one of the great rewards of teaching. Another is sharing in growth that teaching offers the teacher as well as the student. We need greater participation of members in the First Day school. Consider the implication to the future of our Meeting when you are asked to help."

(quoting from an earlier Committee's report)

Phyllis [illegible]
Convenor, REC

* It has been suggested that having a more definite curriculum might be a help in getting Friends to teach.

CLOTHING COMMITTEE
Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends
ANNUAL REPORT
for fiscal year ending May 31, 1966

> "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?......." "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my bretheren, you did it to me."

This year the clothing committee lost from active participation Mary Taylor, a Friend whose life followed these guidelines. Whether nominal head of the clothing committee or not, Mary Taylor over the past 10 years has been tireless in her efforts to coordinate the services performed by our Meeting's committee and by the Amherst United Church Women's Interchurch Sewing Group. Becky Holmes and Dorothy March took over this function temporarily in 1965-66, but with the lessened needs of the American Friends Service Committee, the two groups have at last parted company, with plans for friendly cooperation in the future when needs arise.

The A.F.S.C. is now requesting bedding and men's, boys' and infants' clothing for refugees in Algeria, Morocco and the Congo. We have attempted to fulfill this request with our main effort being our annual clothing drive on the Amherst College campus, organized by Dudley Towne. During the past 12 months only one shipment was made from Amherst to Philadelphia, with a total of 1,150 pounds of clothing, bringing the total to 31,665 pounds shipped since the Amherst Preparative Meeting started to keep records in 1954. Another shipment will be ready to go this June. Approximately the same amount of clothing, comprising items not useable by the A.F.S.C., has been turned over to Good Will Industries of Springfield, without further detailed records.

For the year 1966-1967 the committee plans:

(1) to continue sorting, cleaning, mending, packing and shipping via our clothing rooms of donations from meeting members and attenders and others aware of our activity;

(2) to stand ready for prompt action should an emergency appeal come from the A.F.S.C.;

(3) to conduct the annual Amherst College clothing drive; and

(4) to hold an auction for the A.F.S.C. in the spring of 1967, of articles not sought by them for shipment as material aids.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen B. Holmes

Q.M. Business
Aug. 7, 1966

NOTES ON QUARTERLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AUGUST 7, 1966

1. Treasurer's report read; funds on hand $175.96
2. Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Counsel reported a lively discussion of the reasons for, and the effects of, education in Friends' schools, both secondary and college levels, and took special note of the function of boarding schools in helping adolescents achieve emotional independence from their families. There was also a discussion of the differences between, and the need for understanding between, General Conference Friends and United Meeting (formerly Five Years Meeting) Friends. Some mentioned the wide differences in religious vocabulary and customs.
3. Report on Yearly Meeting: Final approval of new draft of Faith and Practice. Young Friends secretary to be engaged full time., and budget increased to cover cost. Our quarterly meeting spiritual condition report not yet available because of confusion during one family's move. Place of next Yearly Meeting still under discussion; time may be changed to late August.
4. Friends are encouraged to read and study "NO Time But This Present" in preparation for World Conference at Guilford N.C. next summer.
5. Storrs Monthly Meeting is acquiring a meeting house, to be occupied jointly with a cooperative kindergarten.
6. recommended that the new trial family camp at China Camp be continued and expanded.
7. Guilford Meeting has been laid down.
8. A note of encouragement prepared to send to those public officials who have stood out against the present course of action in VietNam.
9. Business meeting lasted 3/4 hour. there were about 35 present.
10. Announced Meeting for Worship at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge from 5 to 6 P.M.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

Kathleen Lonsdale, British scientist, came over from a conference at Tilton School to tell about her visit to Russia this year. She went there first with a group from London Yearly Meetin g in 1951 to take a message of good will and find out the status of religion and religious freups, to find out about conditiend there and make fnewn conditions in Europe, and to talk to influential people. She wanted to make contact with fellow scientists (she is a physicist, a professor of chemistry, and president of the International Union of Crystallographers.)
She has been deeply concerned about restrictions preventing scientists from any country from attending international conferences in their fields. She also travelled with a group to China.
She compared conditions in Russia during the Stalin regime and soon after his death with those today. There is more freedom now in sightseeing, more use of cameras. Scientists are important people; rules are broken for themand red tape brushed aside. Visitors are now freely invited to private homes. She mentioned the danger of forming an incorrect impression through seeing too little of a situation at one time.
Moscow is now surrounded with suburbs of 10- 12 storey apartment buildings, interspersed with park land. There are still conditions of austerity.
Absolute necessities are very cheap- small apartments, bread, local travel.
Books, especially scientific and technical works, are also very cheap.
War toys are not as apparent as in England, though available. Clothees are very expensive. Fruits and vegetables are scarce, local only, expensive.
Visitors' travel was unrestricted, though there are still restrictions on native Russians. Exchange of scientific contacts and information was as free as in any country where the Congress has met. (Some processes are secret, as in any other country). She never heardVietnam mentioned, but ata scientific conference politics were non discussed anyway. Feeling of relaxing of controls and no incessant propaganda as in 1951 and 1955.

Phyllis Agard

Business
Sept. 1966

Minutes of September Meeting for Busniess

The September 1966 Meeting for Business opened with reading of the 11th Query.

1) Minutes of the July Meeting for Business were read. The meaning of Minute #16 was clarified as follows:

> The Meeting felt easy about accepting the Reber children's transfer of membership if and when it is presented because they are older and have expressed their own desire to keep full membership, whereas in the case of families with younger children further questions are involved. This matter is to go onto the October agenda.

2) Ethel Dubois reported on summer meetings ~~and programs~~ of the Religious Education Committee.
and programs for the coming year,
50 young people were present September 11th.

She suggested a meeting of all interested parents with teachers after Meeting for Worship on Fellowship Sunday. The prayers, interest, and support of all members of the Meeting was asked for the Religious Education ~~Committee~~ of our young people.

3) Phyllis Agard reported on the August Quarterly Meeting.

4) Plans for the October Quarterly Meeting

A. Program - Curtis Johnson was empowered to ask Ralph Borsodi or Robert Swann as speaker

B. Hospitality - needed for visiting Ministry and Counsel members. Friends who have room as asked to communicate with Myrtle Johnson. Miriam Zahradnik reported on food plans.

C. Discussion of our current difficulties in planning the October QM in time led to the following suggestions being approved:

1) That we request QM to consider scheduling the October QM later in the month;

2) that we start planning the QM the preceding April.

D. This Meeting would like to suggest to QM that some later QM be devoted to preparing for the Friends World Conference.

E. Representatives: The following representatives were appointed to QM: Thomas Hancock, Stevenson Fletcher.

5) Library Committee:

a) Francis Holmes reported on a new procedure for returning books.

b) The Committee has appointed the following to receive suggestions for new acquisitions: for children's books - Susan Fletcher; adult books - Thomas Crowe.

c) The table has been cleared for the use of friends using the library, but the rack approved last summer for pamphlets and current literature is still needed built.

6) A gift of $150 for equipment has been offered to the Meeting House. Suggestions for its use are to be recommended to the October Monthly Meeting by the Finance Com. after the consideration of suggestions from chairmen of various committees.

7) The following were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Trevor Robinson, Myrtle Johnson, Alta Mae Reber, Allison Kaufhold.

8) Curtis Johnson reported for the Meeting House Committee.

a. The Meeting House telephone No. is 549-0588.

b. An etching recently given to the Meeting by Vincent Newton is to be hung temporarily by the fireplace and then in the office.

c. A proposal was approved for certain families to help with outside maintenance: the Holmes, the Zahradniks, the Fletchers.

9) The Nominating Committee is requested to ~~appoint~~ nominate a Program Committee. Concern was expressed that we study the materials preparatory to the Friends World Conference, especially No Time But This Present. Friends are encouraged to circulate copies.

10) It is suggested to the new Program Committee

a) that the Adult Forum discuss No Time But This Present

b) that the Program Committee prepare for the Rufus Jones lecture, which is to be in Amherst April 7, 1967 with David Mallory as speaker. Pending appointment of a Program Committee, theClerk will begin making arrangements for a place for the lecture.

11) Joseph Havens presented a concern in connection with Suzanne Williams, who is serving a second sentence for contempt of court in New London, Conn. He proposed that a committee be appointed

a) to interpret to the judge the religious basis of Suzanne's stand

b) to help Suzanne to think through her position in consultation with older Friends.

The attached Minute was approved.

A copy of the committee's letter to Judge Stapleton is attached.

Maximum attendance 29.

The Meeting closed with silence.

Teresina Havens, Acting Recording Clerk

Resolution
re S Williams

Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends

Amherst - Great Barrington - Greenfield - Northampton

South Hadley, Massachusetts

The Mt.Toby Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) at its September Meeting for Business, September 14, 1966, approved the following Minute:

This Meeting unites in a sense of concern and responsibility for Suzanne Williams, who is an active member of the youth group of our religious fellowship and a participant in our Meetings for Worship. We desire to extend our love and respect, whether or not as individuals we would have taken the stand which she has taken.

We are especially concerned with the religious dimensions of her conscientious stand. We feel a responsibility to explore these implications in a Quakerly way with Judge Stapleton and with Suzanne herself.

To this end we appoint the following as our representatives:

Margaret Holden, Clerk
Milton Mayer
Teresina Havens

for the Monthly Meeting for Business

Acting Recording Clerk

Letter re
S. Williams

586 West Street,
Amherst, Massachusetts
September 16, 1966

Judge Luke Stapleton
Circuit Court of Appeals
New London, Connecticut

Dear Judge Stapleton:

I am writing in relation to the case of Suzanne Williams, a young woman from Amherst, Massachusetts, now serving a sixty-day sentence for contempt of court.

Suzanne is a member of the young people's group of our local Friends Meeting (Quakers); to some extent the stand she has taken relative to the Viet Nam war is an expression of a traditional Quaker testimony against war. Many of us know her personally and feel concern both about her and about the issues she is trying to confront. We discussed her stand and our relation to it at some length in our regular business meeting of last Wednesday (September 14th); the result is the enclosed Minute.

We believe it would serve both your interests and ours if we could have a conference with you. Yours because we know you do not want Suzanne to continue in an apparently fruitless pitched battle with the court. Ours because we would like to discuss further with you what may be back of Suzanne's stubborn stand and the court's reaction to it, and because we intend to request a chance to talk at length with Suzanne herself about her position and its meaning and consequences. We should make clear in advance that we do not see our task as that of dissuading her from her present position (though this may in fact be the outcome), but of helping her to think through with others her scruples and their relation to the present situation. It is traditional among Friends that individual "leadings" are always checked with and against others in the community. Our impression is that she has not had a chanceeto do this since her incarceration. We feel that this is all the more important because of her age and her relative lack of experience in these matters. Will you let us have an interview with you, at your convenience, as soon as possible?

I am speaking for a committee of three, all adults in mid-life who have had some experience in counseling younger persons.

We will try to reach you by telephone next Tuesday, September 20th, to arrange an appointment.

Yours hopefully, for the Committee and for
our Monthly Meeting,

Acting Recording Clerk

Report of Business Meeting
Quarterly Meeting, Oct.2

Q M Business
10/2/66

The meeting was called at noon, opening with silent worship and a reading from Fosdick's discussion of the nature of a contemporary concept of God.

Representatives attended the meeting from all constituent Meetings except Middletown and New Haven.

Report from Quarterly Ministry and Council revealed that this body had deliberated on the Meeting's concern for Friends' Peace Testimony, for bases of membership in the Society, and the role of local Meetings for Ministry and Counsel in counseling individuals. Business Meeting attenders commented favorably upon the selection of topics and expressed their own views upon them.

The numerically small Storrs (Conn.) Meeting reported purchase of a meeting house and their present use of it. All ~~xxxxxxx~~ Friends were invited to attend and its location was described as on Hunting Lodge Road near the Men's Dormitory of the University Campus.

Announcement came that Yearly Meeting will be held next summer August 22-7 on the Nassau College campus in southern Maine.

We were recommended to make the book God is for Real, Man available to young teen-agers as a basis for discussion.

In response to Mt. Toby's request, the time for next year's fall Quarterly Meeting was set ~~xx~~ for the week-end starting with the 3rd Saturday in October.

Announcement came from the Yearly Meeting Loans Committee that there are two types of educational financial aids available through their auspices: (1) aid to children of Friends for college education, and (2) scholarships for children (Friends or non-Friends) to be used toward secondary school education at any school (Friend or non-Friend).

The Meeting closed at 12:50 P.M. with a period of silent worship -- David Holden (for Steve Fletcher)

Q M Talk
10/2/66

Report of Talk by Ralph Borsody between 2:10 - 3:35 P.M. Oct.3rd.

Ralph Borsody presented a concern and sought to enlist our sympathy and help for his efforts and plan to improve world-wide conditions. His presentation was as follows.

Mr. Borsody believes this to be a period of ~~fxxx~~ world-wide revolutions: social, economic, and religious. Out of his long experience and many friendships in India have emerged three proposals: (1) that the Ghandi movement should be internationalized; (2) that to that end an international foundation should be created; and (3) that this foundation should have as its primary concern world-wide economic justice.

As he sees it, present governmental policies are resulting in shrinkage of the"free world". The "free world" is becoming surrounded by hostile and developing nations. He feels that there are three ~~xxxx~~ programs open for the great hostile powers to enlist the allegiance of developing nations: (1) by force of arms (e.g. the Mao Tse Tung program); (2) by governmental aid (e.g. the USA program); or (3) by aid controlled by an international agency.

In his estimate, the first program (war) cannot achieve allegiance on any permanent basis and is economically prohibitive in the long run. Aid by the USA government to governments of developing nations does not materially benefit some 70-80% of their populations. Peasants of these nations are being exploited by landlords, by money-lenders, by middle-men, and by "the establishment" (government) which wishes to build up industrialism at the expense of the farmer. This is the reverse of Ghandi's plan which was to develop agriculture first, then simple industries, and only later develop heavy industry.

In order to meet the need for aid which gets down into the villages, Mr. Borsody proposes an international agency called "Independence Foundation" which will administer a huge revolving fund. This fund would make rural loans available to individual peasants in order to by-pass the four types of exploiters mentioned above.

Business
Oct. 12, 1966

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The regular monthly meeting for business was held at the Meeting House in Leverett on October 12th, 1966. It was opened at 8 o'clock with the reading of the 9th Query by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, followed by a period of silent worship. Attendance at this time was 13.

1) The minutes of the September meeting were read, and were approved after 3 changes were made.

2) The matter of September minute #1 was considered. Among other positions, the following were discussed: that children transferring to this Meeting from permanent membership elsewhere may be admitted to permanent membership in this Meeting if they or their parents so desire; and that Junior Membership be limited to children too young to make the choice of membership themselves, and to children whose parents or guardians make the request of membership for them, and to children who do not meet the criteria for membership as set forth under A. Basis of Membership in Faith and Practice of New Eng. Yearly Meeting. There was not unanimity of feeling about any of the proposals made. We plan to discuss this further in the future.

3) The application of Marion Hambleton for membership was presented with favorable recommendation from Ministry and Counsel. The Meeting welcomes her into membership.

ee 4) below

5) Trevor Robinson presented a report from the Nominating Committee concerning a Program Committee. It has been found difficult to find persons to serve in case of sudden calls for action. The following nominations were presented, for action at the next meeting: Daniel Weir, Flora Johnson, Robert Bancroft.

6) The Clerk reported for the committee appointed to consult with Suzanna Williams and her judge. The judge was willing to let committee members visit her, and also to visit him, but thought that nothing would be gained by their visiting him. The Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut had consulted with her, she had written a letter acceptable both to her and to the judge, and she was released from prison without our committee having visited her.

4) Stevenson and Susan Fletcher requested Junior Membership for Sarah. The Meeting welcomes her into Junior membership.

7) It was decided that the Clerk may have a letter authorizing him or her to represent the Meeting in visiting prisons, and that he or she shall be authorized to appoint others to serve as Acting Clerk in this capacity.

8) Thomas Hancock and Margaret Holden for David Holden reported on Quarterly Meeting. It was suggested that dates of QM's be reset on occasion to the convenience of the host Meeting. It was agreed to move the October QM to the 3rd week-end beginning with 3rd Saturday of the month. Meetings were reminded of the existence of scholarship funds being available from Yearly Meeting for college and secondary school students. Mr. Bardosi spoke of continuing the work of Mahatma Gandhi.

9) Our meeting house is not adequate both to accommodate the children and to serve lunch for QM. We have had to depend on Ethel Dubois' house for additional space.

10) Ethel Dubois was requested to call on the Meeting for work-group or -groups of desired size, to work on her barn.

11) Among other announcements, the following were made:

a) The Rufus Jones Lecture will be given by David Malory on April 7th at the School of Business Administration of Un. of Mass., room 120.

b) Milton Mayer will lead a series of 8 conferences at Woolman Hill in the coming 8 months on subjects of great present interest.

c) The mortgage on the Mayer Center for Learning and Living at Woolman Hill offers an a opportunity for investment of funds in a peace-promoting endeavor.

d) The December Fellowship Luncheon will be moved from Christmas Day to the 18th.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship. Maximal attendance was 14.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

11) continued:

e) Having received a request from Daniel Weir to cover the deficit in the trip of Caravan Theater to Amherst in August, Monthly Meeting requests him to bring to our next meeting more information concerning the deficit.

f) A note from Fred Wheeler, Clerk of QM Ministry and Counsel, was read, thanking our Meeting for its recent hospitality, and suggesting that the fall QM might hereafter be held on the 1st week-end in November.

g) A letter from David Wartel, a former attendant, was read, inwhich, after experience in a programmed meeting, he urges us to continue with unprogrammed meetings, We plan to send him a copy of Faith and Practice, to reply to the substance of his letter, and to notify him of the probable gathering of college students at Woolman Hill in the Christmas vacation period.

h) A letter from Yearly Meeting was read urging increasing involvement of Monthly Meetings with the Young Friends' Secretary.

i) Another letter from Yearly Meeting requested our suggestions concerning the Good Friday Peace Vigil at the Boston State House. The Clerk was asked to send a letter expressing our support for the Vigil.

j) The Clerk will write to Gladys Myers concerning the recent death of her mother.

(Concluding sentences on preceding page)

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

On November 9th, 1966, the regular meeting for business convened at 7:50 p.m. in the meeting house in Leverett with 14 present, under the leadership of the Clerk, Margaret Holden. The reading of the Third Query was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the October meeting were read, and were approved after two changers were made.

2) Letters were read requesting transfer of membership of William D. and Margaret Hummon from University Friends' Meeting of Seattle and admission to Junior Membership of Julia Margaret and Cheryl Ann Hummon, ~~to~~ in Mt. Toby Meeting. We welcome them all to membership.

3) A letter was read from the Clerk of Bolton Monthly Meeting of ~~Berlin~~ BOLTON, Massachusetts, requesting transfer of membership of the Randall family consisting of Stephen A., Dorothy, Mary Doane, Joanna Myrick, and Elizebeth Allen to Mount Toby Monthly Meeting. We welcome them to membership. Mary Doan, Joanna Myrick, and Elizabeth Allen are designated as Junior Members.

4) The Nominating Committee presented again the names of Daniel Weir, Flora Johnson, and Robert Bancroft as Program Committee. These nominations were approved, and Daniel Weir was appointed Convener of the committee.

5) A letter was read from Patricia Ritter of Hartford (Connecticut) Meeting concerning the exploration of a Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children of the needs of Vietnamese children and of how these needs might be met by Friends in this country. Other letters and discussion on this subject concerned Canadian Friends Service Committee and International Red Cross.

The Meeting approved a concern that it take responsibility for informing young people of draft age in this area about the alternatives to the draft. An ad hoc committee was formed and was given directives

a) to plan a large meeting and several smaller follow-up meetings on draft alternatives, and
b) to formulate a letter to the college newspapers indicating support to students who refuse to fight, and giving the names of counsellors regarding the draft in this area.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Alternatives to the Draft consists of Leona Barron, Joseph Havens, William Hummon, and Daniel Weir.

6) The Meeting approved holding peace vigils on Sundays, and asked the Ad Hoc Committee on Vietnam (which has been meeting weekly) to arrange details of these vigils.

7) The Meeting adopted the following for transmission to the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children:

> Mount Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends minutes it concern for the needs of Vietnamese children suffering in the war. We are seeking means by which either as a Meeting or as individuals we can express our concern in action.

8) Daniel Weir presented more information concerning the deficit incurred by The Caravan Theater (see Minute 11 e) of October 12th). It was decided that the Meeting would seek contributions from individuals to make up this deficit.

9) The Clerk called attention to the need of Mary Kentfield for transportation to Meetings for Worship.

Following a brief period of silent worship, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Reconciliation

11-15-66

The Committee on Reconciliation has, collectively or individually, talked with members of our Meeting whom we knew to have expressed feelings of discontent, and with others who were seen as possibly being able to help clarify issues or help promote better understanding. The whole committee has considered reports of these sessions. We believe these discussions have been helpful to the Meeting. We also believe that a state in which Meeting members were uniformely in agreement on all issues of importance ~~t~~ to us as Friends might not be a healthy condision as it would not be conducive to the growth and development of the Meeting. Therefore, we do not see it as our function to ~~a~~attempt to resolve all differences. We strongly suggest that reconciliation of differing viewpoints and attitudes should ~~b~~ be recognizedas an important and continuing part of the ministry of the Meeting as a whole.

The Committee finds differences in many areas, and finds that people holding different views are aligned differently on different issues:

Some Friends in our Meeting take a strong pacifist position.
Some might be described as moderate pacifists.
Some find their judgement on any particular war strongly influenced by issues other than the traditional Quaker position.

Some Friends are teetotalers, others are not.

Some Friends refrain from the use of tobacco as a matter of Quaker principle; others refrain for health reasons; others smoke.

Some in our Meeting would allow teen-agers to develop principles of behavior through experience; others offer varying degrees of guidance; others require observance of definite and clearly defined rules of behavior, believ~~o~~ing this is most helpful to young people in their still-formative years.

There is strong feeling on the part of some Friends that the traditional codes of sexual behavior should not be questioned, while others believe it is appropriate to examine with open minds the changes that seem to be taking place in sexual mores.

Some Friends believe the door to membership in the Society of Friends should swing wide to all seekers; others desire a more clearly defined basis for decision on applications for membership.

Some Friends believe anyone who is acceptable as a member is acceptable to undertake any responsibility in the Meeting for which he has the capability; others believe that persons in leadership positions should epitomize the traditional model of the Quaker.

Some Friends believe committees in the Meeting should be vested with considerable authority and leadership responsibility; others feel the Monthly Meeting should address itself to issues in more detail than is our present practice.

Some Friends find value in small discussion groups for the development of interpersonal relationships. With membership open at the beginning, such groups have made it a practice to require regular attendance and not admit participants later on, in order to preserve the continuity of the group discussion. However, some Friends feel that any Meeting-connected group must be kept open at all times, even to those who may wish to participate only occasionally.

Reconciliation
11/15/66

Basic divergences have been apparent in regard to content and method in religious education.

Friends are not agreed as to how we should deal with conflict within our own number: Is it valid to undertake direct confrontation, with resultant release of anger and reduction of tension, or must the search for common grounds of understanding always be conducted with emotions held in strict control?

With diversity on so many issues, it is manifestly impossible to reconcile all points of view. Complete yielding of one side on on one of the more clearly defined dispu tes we have witnessed would not remove the tensions which have come to the surface from time to time and found focus in some person or issue. To avoid recognition of difference is to create a spurious appearance of accord. To seek uniformity of beliefs which would remove all differences is unrealistic, and not in the Quaker tradition. Many of our differences involve matters of principle which are not subject to compromise. But if we can achieve understanding and appreciation of attitudes, standards of behavior and beliefs of others, even though we cannot subscribe to them, it is possible to live together and work together in a reasonable degree of harmony. Understanding and appreciation of the differences can grow as we explore together and search for what is basic in our own beliefs and in each other's. Since we are not a homogeneous group, we each need to concede the integrity of the others even though some of their attitudes amy not be acceptable to us.

The corporate life of our Meeting needs to be improved, and it can be improved by the ministry of all members. There is need in our Meeting for group discussion of the things which are important to us as individual Friends and as a Meeting. It is important to be clear as to the purpose and the method of approach in such group discussion.

A "forum" can be helpful, with advance notice of a specific topic and with those interested attending for spontaneous discussion, with or without advance preparation. This must be recognized as different from the also helpful group in which several people come together for intensive exploration of personal and group values. This type of ~~group~~ endeavor requires commitment to participate on a continuing basis and is most effective if the number attending is small enough so that each one can participate actively. In such a small, continuing group one can develop trust in the rest of the group which will enable him to risk himself in discussion of questions he would not feel free to bring up in another setting. It is important to make clear whether such a group is or is not sponsored by the Meeting. The life of individuals as well as that of the Meeting would be enriched by small committed groups studying the Bible, for instance, or Friends' testimonies. It has been suggested that if twenty people attending our Meeting would individually make the reading of Quaker literature a foremost occupation for a year the teaching ministry this would likely inspire could very well transform the life of the Meeting.

The action of the Monthly Meeting in deciding to provide for a month's time for consideration of the Nominating Committee report is a sound outgrowth of the issues raised in connection with adoption of the 1966 Nominating Committee report. If objections are raised they can thus be openly considered, clarified and evaluated before action is taken; this is in accord with Friendly ways of reaching decisions.

Reconciliation
11/15/66

There has also been, for some Meeting members, clarification of some of the responsibilities of participants in the Meeting for Business. It seems less likely in the future that Friends will attempt to restrain other Friends from raising issues. It seems less likely that Friends will feel constrained to avoid issues at the request of other Friends. We believe Friends will feel more responsibility to speak out when they feel the Clerk does not accuratelt assess the sense of the Meeting. And we believe Friends who are unclear about issues being raised will be more ready to insist upon clarification before approving any action. Carrying out these responsibilities will result in our taking more time for Meeting for Business, and will probably introduce more discussion of differences into the Meeting for Business. But it will hopefully eliminate the need for committees appointed to attempt ex post facto reconciliation of unresolved differences.

A question was raised in Quarterly Meeting for Ministry and Counsel as to the responsibilities of committees appointed to visit applicants for ///would membership. This poses the question: What do Friends expect of those who / become members of the Society? To answer this, we must know what we expect of members of the Society. A forum on the meaning of membership in the Society of Friends ("What is a Quaker in the Twentieth Century?") might guide the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel as to the responsibilities of those who visit applicants. It might also raise a number of issues which should be explored more intensively by smaller interest groups. More importantly, it might provide a framework for discussion of the many areas in which we have differed from one another and in which we may well continue to differ.

It is the hope of the Committee on Reconciliation that through such discussions we can achieve an understanding and appreciation of positions and points of view which we may not be able individually to accept as our own. We may thus acquire a broadened perspective of the dimensions of diversity which we are able to encompass as a Religious Society without creed but with concern for one another and for all men.

Russell Brooks
John Foster
Fritz Haufhold
Robert Myers

Reconciliation
Dec. 14, '66

A postscript to the Report of the Committee on Reconciliation written by Ryssell Brooks at the request of the Monthly Meeting held 12/14/66.

We call upon all among us to move ahead together, trusting each other and with real confidence on the Meeting community. Rufus Jones was confident of pointing out that when Friends gather for Worship or for Business, the various ideas brought out are shared in the expectation that as they impinge, one upon another, some new truth may emerge, not evident before. Of course we cannot be certain of this outcome bu this is the faith of the Friends.

Business
Nov. 16, '66

SPECIAL MOUNT TOBY MEETING FOR BUSINESS

This special meeting convened at the Leverett Meeting House at 7:50 p.m. with approx. twenty in attendance. Clerk Margaret Holden read the Twelfth Query and a period of silent worship followed. The minutes of the November 9th meeting were read by acting recording clerk, Marshall Smith and after two corrections wereapproved by the meeting.

The first major item of business concerned the proposed marriage of Caltha Crowe and Kirk Mellor and in anticipation of this event the Friends' traditional procedure was outlined and a "Committee of Clearness" wasappointed to visit with Caltha and Kirk. Those so named were Laura and Trevor Robinson, Russell Brooks,and Miriam Zahradnik. This committee will report to a special monthly meeting to be held on Sunday, Nov. 27th after the meeting for worship.

The second item of concern was the proposed Vigil to be held in Amherst on Sundays from 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. as soon as the necessary details can be arranged. Leone Barron presented prospects to date and a number of opinions were ventured as to the effectiveness of advancing certain aspects of the vigil. It was agreed that the Vigil be described as being initiated by the Mount Toby's Friends' Meeting.

The third major concern of the evening was the sending of relief aid to all parts of Vietnam. An outline of the aid program undertaken by the Canadian Friends' Service Committee and American contributors was read in detial by Margaret Holden who had received pertinent material on the subject. The meeting decided to apply for the license for such aid, in the amount of $10,00.00, the money to besent to the Canadians Friends' Service Committee. The suggestion was made that a seperate letter to the Mount Toby Friends besent out in explanation of and in connection with this undertaking. Margaret Holden and Marshall Smith were designated to formulate the statement in the above mentioned letter and to write a letter of application forthis necessary government license. The group agreed, however, that our application for this license make clear our fundamental objection to such an official requirement, that religious acts be subject to license.

Robert Williams announced that he had recieved an appointment from the New England Friends Service Committee to do peace work in the general area.

The meeting closed with general agreement and enthusiasm.

Marshall K. Smith

acting Recording Clerk

Special Business
Nov. 27, '66

SPECIAL MEETING FOR BUSINESS OF MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

A special Business Meeting was called immediately following the regular Sunday Meeting for Worship on November 27th, 1966, in the Meeting House in Leverett, Massachusetts. Attenders of the Meeting for Worship were made welcome to attend. There were about 64 present.

1) The Committee on Clearance appointed to talk with Caltha Crowe and Kirk Mellor about their request for marriage under the care of the Meeting, reported favorably upon this request. They recommended that the Meeting approve this marriage.

2) The Meeting minuted its approval of the marriage of Caltha Crowe and Kirk Mellor, to take place in an Appointed Meeting for Worship on Saturday, December 17th, 1966, at 11:00 o'clock in the morning, at the Mount Toby Meeting House.

3) The Meeting appointed the following people to serve as a Committee of Oversight for the marriage:
John Foster, convener
Laura Robinson
Robert Myers
Alta Mae Reber

4) A written request was read from Margaret Charity Doan Myrick for transfer to this Meeting from Easthampton Congregational Church of Easthampton, Massachusetts, together with the recommendation of Ministry and Counsel that this application be accepted. Margaret Myrick was formerly a member of South Eighth Street Meeting of [redacted] Friends of Richmond, Indiana. The Meeting welcomes her into membership.

5) It was announced that the Vietnam Peace Committee will meet at the Meeting House this evening at 8:00.

6) Attention wascalled to the meeting to be held at Woolman Hill on Wednesday of this week concerning payment or non-payment of federal income taxes, under the leadership of Milton Mayer.

7) It was announced that the Religious Education Committee and teachers of our First Day School will meet at Woolman Hill on January 20th and 21st.

8) Two specific instances of the imposition of the death penaltywere brought up. It was approved that Bruce Hawking and Mary Kentfield be appointed to write letters to Governor Volpe, Lieutenant Governor Richardson, and the members of the Governor's Council concerned, expressing this Meeting's opposition to the death penalty.

The meeting adjourned after a moment of silent worship.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Business
Dec. 14, '66

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

Minutes as amended at the meetings of January 11 and February 8, 1967

The regular business meeting of Mount Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends convened on December 14th, 1966, at 7:50 p.m. at the Meeting House in Leverett. Maximal attendance was 22. The reading of the 8th Query by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meetings of November 16th and 27th were read and approved, after slight modification.

2) The Clerk read a letter from the U. S. Treasury Department in response to her request for a license to send $1,000. to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for relief work in Vietnam. The letter requested detailed information concerning what supplies would be sent, to whom they would be delivered, and what assurance we could give that the specified supplies would be so distributed. Correspondence is being continued with American and Canadian Friends Service Committees and the International Red Cross.

3) Bruce Hawkins reported that the requested letter had been sent to Massachusetts government officials concerning capital punishment. (Nov. 27, Minute #8.)

4) It was announced that the legal road is clear for the continuation of our Peace Vigils on the Amherst Common until Easter.

5) Various aspects of the report of the Committee on Reconciliation were discussed. Excepting for the first few years and until seven years ago we joined in the larger Meeting for Worship only once a month and are still in the process of becoming a unit. It is suggested that every member of the Meeting be also a member of a small discussion group within the Meeting. The spiritual intent of the Report should be appreciated aswell as the actual wording. Rufus Jones felt that the free meeting of diverse trains of thought often gives birth to an entirely new concept or attitude.

Deep disappointment was expressed by one Committee member that the Committee failed to reach a feeling of reconciliation within the Meeting. The task laid upon the members by the Reconciliation Committee's Report was emphasized as a real and practical unfinished task which every member of the Meeting is asked to accept with deep commitment.

Others expressed the feelings that underlying conditions primarily need to be explored; and that one party cannot expect to bring reconciliation between two persons -- it can act only as a catalyst.

The Report of the Committee on Reconciliation is accepted, and our thanks are extended to them. Russell Brooks is requested to write an extension of the Report in view of the discussion at this meeting.

6) The Program Committee is asked to consider fostering small discussion groups within our Meeting.

7) Russell Brooks expressed his appreciation for the spiritual fellowship of the Meeting in his prolonged recovery.

8) The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations, to be considered at a later meeting:

Fellowship luncheon com. convener	Peace and Social Concerns com. conveners	Program com.
Marjorie Hancock	Leone Barron William Hummon	Robert Archer

9) The Finance Committee made the following recommendations:

"1) Finance Committee recommends the purchase of a Ditto duplicating machine with the recent gift of $150 to the Meeting. It further recommends that a stand be purchased along with the necessary supplies. This machine should be housed in the Meeting House office and be available, with instruction, to all committees. It further recommends that the Meeting consider the purchase of a typewriter in the near future.

"2) The Finance Committee recommends the expenditure of $125 this spring for continuing the landscaping of the building. This money will be spent on shrubs and trees to be located primarily in the circle. The recommendation is made on the condition that the Meeting's

Minute #9, Section #2, continued:

"finances are in a condition to take this expenditure at that time.

"3) The Finance Committee wishes to remind Friends that we have a year budget of $6,840 and to date (½ of the current year) we havereceived 1/6 of this total. In the past most contributions have been made late in the year which is appreciated but also causes many moments of anxiety for those in the Meeting who are responsible for the finances. The Committee would like to encourage Friends to form a monthly or quarterly payment period."

10) A request was read that our Meeting send a participant to the coming meeting of United Council of Church Women on February 10th in Amherst. The request is referred to the Outreach Committee.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge
Recording Clerk

9A) The Meeting approved the purchase of a Ditto machine and of the expenditure of $125 for landscaping as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Business
Jan 11, '67

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The regular business meeting convened on January 11th, 1967, at 7:55 p.m. at the Meeting House in Leverett. The reading of the 4th Query by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of December 14th were read. Minute # 9A was added.

2) Russell Brooks' addition to the Report of the Committee on Reconciliation was read and accepted.

3) John Foster reported proposed changes in the zoning of Leverett which would include establishing a commercial area 400 feet east of Route 63, across Route 63 from the Meeting House, leaving a residential zone 400 feet deep between Route 63 and the commercial zone. The Meeting wishes to express tothe Town the hope that if there is an area for a commercial zone that would be less objectionable to the abuttors, that area be used; if not, we would not disapprove this location; and the hope that the land abutting Route 63 in this locality be kept as a residential zone. Thomas Hancock and Michael Rice were appointed to prepare a statement to be presented to the coming hearing by John Foster. This statement was later read and approved.

4) The nominations listed in minute #8 of Dec. 14th, '66, were approved.

5) The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel gave a favorable report on the request of Frances Crowe for membership. We warmly welcome her as a member of the Meeting.

6) Announcement was made of two conferences on the place of the draft in modern society to be held on the campus of University of Massachusetts. The Meeting approved contributing $25 to their support.

7) John Foster reported that the first wedding in this Meeting House, that of Caltha Crowe and Kirk Mellor, was held on December 17th with great satisfaction in a Meeting for Worship of warmthand depth. About 170 were present.

8) The Funeral Investigating Committee reported on the following matters concerning a possible graveyard on our grounds: legal arrangements, location, eligibility for burial, arrangement of graves, limitations on markers, settling of ground, and choice of plots. The Committee is requested to circulate this report to the membership for their consideration.

9) Letters were received from Miriam and Philip Zahradnik expressing gratitude for the opportunity to attend the Mid-Winter Institute at Pendle Hill.

10) Margaret Holden reported progress in correspondence concerning the effort to send financial aid for medical supplies to Vietnam (Minute #2, Dec. 14, '66)

11) It was approved that a traveling minute be given to Daniel Weir for a proposed trip to Ohio.

12) The Vietnam Committee reported that the Peace Vigils on Amherst Common are continuing, that approximately 200 usually participate, and that participants represent a good cross-section of the local community and of surrounding areas. It is felt that the Vigils are exercising a strong influence on the community in favor of actions for peace.

13) After a period of silent worship, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.. Maximal attendance was about 28.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Business
Ja. 29. 1967

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

A special Meeting for Business was called immediately following the Meeting for Worship on Sunday, January 29th, 1967, at 11:30 a.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett, with 65 present.

1) Philip Woodbridge and any others who may attend Quarterly Meeting in West Hartford on February 5th were appointed as representatives to that Meeting.

2) The following announcements were made:

1) Copies of the new edition of Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting have arrived, and are available for one dollar each.

2) Barbara Deming will report on her visit to North Vietnam in the evening of Friday, February 3rd at Smith College.

3) The Clerk read a minute from Ministry and Counsel concerning the need of our changing our ways so as to enter the room for Meeting for Worship quietly and ahead of the time set for the beginning of the Meeting, rather than conversing at length in the vestibule and entering the Meeting room late.

After a closing moment of silence, the meeting adjourned.

There was then a brief extemporaneous meeting of Ministry and Counsel at which Curtis Johnson was appointed representative to Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Counsel.

A large portion of those present then went to the Peace Vigil on Amherst Common. In recognition of her recent 85th birthday, photographs for publication were taken of Helen Griffith participating in the Peace Vigil.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

REPORT OF THE BURIAL GROUND INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

The following report was given to Monthly Meeting on January 15, 1967 [illegible] fuller consideration before any decisions are made.

The committee was asked, among other things, to report on what would be involved in establishing a burial ground at the meetinghouse. The legal requirements are quite simple. The Meeting makes application for a permit to the Town Selectmen after staking out the desired location. The Selectmen view the site, consult the State Department of Public Health if it is near a flowing stream, call a public hearing, and then, if they approve, issue the required permit.

If the meeting does wish to establish a burial ground, the committee suggests that it be located in the southeast corner of our property next to Route 63 and the cornfield. This is far from the flowing stream and will leave the area behind the meetinghouse to be developed as desired as an activity area. The initial size of the area can probably be small, 100 X 100 feet has been suggested.

Several policies on the use and management of the burial ground should be firmly established at the time the burial ground is started in order to avoid future misunderstandings. Below are listed the nature of these problems and the decisions suggested by the committee.

1. The nature of the restrictions, if any, on who may be buried. This will remain a difficult problem no matter what policy is adopted. The committee suggests that its use be limited to members and their immediate family (spouse and children). This has the disadvantage of excluding active attenders who are not members.
2. The nature of restrictions, if any, on the [illegible] of the gravestones. The committee strongly recommends, both in keeping with a concern for simplicity and ease of maintainence, that all stones be flat and low enough for a lawnmower to pass over them.
3. The nature of the organization of plots within the burial ground. The committee feels that the ideal plan from a management point of view, would be to have no assigned or reserved plots but to have each grave located beside the last previous one. We strongly recommend that the meeting go no further in the direction of reserved plots that to leave room for an individual's spouse.
4. A decision on charges for plots, The committee recommends no charges.
5. The nature of other requirements to reduce the problems and cost of maintainence. The committee is inclined to accept the settling which accompanies failure to us concrete vaults. However, the settling requires periodic filling in of holes and may make it necessary to postpone the setting of stones for many years. An alternative would be to require an inexpensive, non-watertight concrete covering for each grave.

Finally, we wish to present the wording of the 1966 Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting on the subject of burial grounds (page 250).

> Meetings maintaining their own buial grounds should establish rules and regulations governing interments, the marking of graves, and keeping of records. The Meeting should appoints a committeeof two or more Friends to have oversight of the burial grounds and to see to the enforcement of the rules. The committee should take care to make no commitment of a plot or reservation of space in the burial ground which, in the passage of time, may permit the property to pass from Meeting control or ownership.
>
> In establishing regulations as to grave stones, Meetings should be careful to observe the principles of moderation and simplicity.

John Foster

Leverett zoning

Statment by the Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends at the Hearing on Proposed Zoning Changes in Leverett, February 2, 1967

The Mt. Toby Meeting of Friends agrees in principle that careful, long-range planning is helpful to the community. We anticipate that the establishmnet of a plan for diversified activity in Leverett will serve to limit business and commercial uses to definite areas. We particularly commend the present ~~plan~~ proposed plan to maintain a residential zone of substantial depth along Route 63 and wish to express, for the record, our hope that this zone will remain free from encroachment by other uses in the area of the Meetinghouse.

We trust that these plans will be carried out with due concern for the natural beauty of leverett and that air and water pollution will be avoided as much as possible.

In reference to the proposed commercial area near the Meetinghouse, we believe the interests of the Friends Meeting, primarily the need to the reasonably free from noise, should play a role secondary to the rights and interests of nearby residents who may spend all their time in the neighborhood. These human considerations should play a major role in new plans. Commercial and business zones should be planned to produce the smallest possible disruption in the lives of the citizens of Leverett - and site selection should be based first of all on this consideration.

Taken from the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting for Business,
held January 11, 1967. Margaret Holden, Clerk.

Business
February 8,'67

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The monthly Meeting for Business convened on February 8th, 1967, at 7:55 p.m. in the General Purpose Room of the Meeting House in Leverett, with 17 present. The temperature of the room was 57 ° F.. The reading of the 12th Query by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meetings of January 11th and 29th were read and later accepted after 1 minor amendment.

2) Russell Brooks presented material concerning Minute #5 of December 14th, 1966, in accordance with requests of Helen Griffith:

  a) The 2nd sentence is amended to indicate that monthly Meetings for Worship were held earlier than 7 years ago.

  b) The 2nd paragraph of this Minute is amended to omit the names of individuals.

3) The Treasurer, Robert Agard, reported that the Meeting's income is presently greater than disbursements, and that the Fund for Vietnam now amounts to approximately $425.

4) Philip Woodbridge reported on Quarterly Meeting for Business, including

  a) notice of Winslow Osborne's death,

  b) a report from Beacon Hill Friends' House,

  c) reports of Peace Vigils in Hartford, Springfield, Boston, Amherst, andConcord, N.H., and

  d) the desire of a group of 12 Friends in New London to form a Monthly Meeting within Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting.

At this point the Meeting moved to the Worship Room because the temperature was dropping in the General Purpose Room. The Worship Room then gradually warmed from its earlier 50° to a comfortable temperature.

5) Joseph Havens and Miriam Zahradnik reported on the Inter-Generation Conference at Pendle Hill. It was felt that real progress was made in bridging the gap between teen-agers and adults.

6) The Clerk announced

  a) that Bronson Clark, returning from Vietnam, will speak to the Rotary Club of Northampton on April 10th and in the evening of the same day to an open meeting to be sponsored by Mount Toby Meeting; and

  b) that the Peace Vigil at the State House will be held on Good Friday as heretofore, this year under the sponsorship of the American Friends Service Committee and the Cambridge Friends' Meeting. Margaret Holden and Robert Williams were appointed Overseers for this vigil.

7) Curtis Johnson reported on the talk at Quarterly Meeting by Jospeh Elder concerning his participation in informal negotiations between India and Pakistan.

8) The Peace and Social Concerns Committee will hold an open meeting ~~concerning the military draft~~ at the Meeting House on the evening of Sunday, February 12th.

9) Margaret Holden reported on further frustrations in the attempts to obtain a license to send money to Vietnam for medical supplies, and on the problem of what to do if license is not granted. Ways of circumventing the legal barriers were briefly described.

10) Joseph Havens, Margaret Holden, and Milton Mayer reported on the Ad Hoc Committee's conference with Susie Williams. She feels that she should challenge the Court System as she should the Military System. In this challenge she has employed the personally dangerous move of the water-fast. Her position calls forth respect. Her challenging the Judicial System is because of its inequities and its power of incarceration for "contempt of Court".

After a period of silent worship the Meeting adjourned at about 11 p.m.. Maximal attendance was 21.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge
Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Business

March 8, '67

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The Monthly Meeting for Business convened on March 8th, 1967, at 7:55 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett with 22 present. The reading of the 12th Query by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of February 8th were read, and were accepted after one correction was made.

2) The Clerk called attention to the need of the following for the April Meeting:

a) Preliminary budget from the Finance Committee, and for this

1) Preliminary estimates of financial needs from committee chairmen one week previously;

b) Nominations, if any;

c) Planning for October Quarterly Meeting.

3) The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel reported favorably in regard to applications from the following, and they were enthusiastically received into membership:

Robert and Nancy Archer; and Brad, Jon, Tom, Michelle, and Shanti Stephanie into Junior membership;

Lucia Havens.

4) At the request of Deborah (Dirks) Huigen, her name is dropped from the membership list.

5) Ministry and Counsel recommended that the Meeting accept responsibility of oversight of the marriage of Bryan Lloyd and Catherine Morris on August 19th. This responsibility was accepted. Robert and Nancy Archer and Joseph and Teresina Havens were appointed as Committee on Clearness.

6) The problems of participating in sending medical aid to Vietnam , in view of the obstructive tactics of the U. S. Government, were then discussed. All applications for licenses to send aid are being denied at the recommendation of the State Department, because of lack of sufficient assurance that medical supplies will not be delivered to military forces of North Vietnam. Evidence thru non-government channels is that supplies are distributed by the North Vietnamese Red Cross. Do we wish to send funds thru extra-legal channels, or use them to challenge the present U.S.A. laws or administrative decisions? The law states that nothing shall be done that will "benefit the enemy", and North Vietnam is defined as "the enemy". Sending aid would therefore be illegal, regardless of the administrative decision not to issue licenses. Fines up to $20,000 and imprisonment up to 5 years are applicable to offenders. Several Meetings and informal groups have sent money after being refused licenses or without applying for license. Should the Meeting itself money? or should it encourage and help individuals to send money?

A few members said they would not be comfortable to have the Meeting send funds illegally and risk punishment to unknown persons. Others expressed equally deep concern that the Meeting should move to send money to Vietnam, and asked "What is the higher law?"

At this point tension was so high that the Meeting passed into a period of silent worship. It was decided to continue consideration of this matter on the evening of Sunday, March 12th.

7) Arrangements were announced and further developed for

a) The Rufus Jones Lecture on April 7th at the U.M. School of Business Administration, and

b) Bronson Clark's talk on his recent visit to South Vietnam on April 10th at 8 p.m. at our Meeting House.

After a period of silent worship the meeting adjourned at 11 p.m. until Sunday evening, March 12th. Maximal attendance was 40.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge
Recording Clerk

Business
March 12, 1967

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The adjourned meeting of March 8th reconvened on Sunday, March 12th, at 7:10 p.m., with 19 present. The Clerk, Margaret Holden, read the Query of the Boston Good Friday Peace Vigil. This was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of March 8th were read and approved.

2) In continuing the matter of Minute #6 of that meeting, the Clerk spoke of the occasional difficulty in reaching decisions in a Friends' Meeting, the possibility of some Friends' standing aside to aid in the Meeting's arriving at a decision, and the possibility of finding a new path on which all could agree. This Meeting has voiced its opposition to the war in Vietnam, and to U.S.A. participation in that war. Are we agreed that we wish the Meeting to contribute to medical aid to those who are suffering in the war, in view of the fact that such aid to the North Vietnamese would be illegal? Is such support a proper or traditional function of Friends' Meetings?

Michael Rice presented a minute providing that the Meeting recommend establishing a fund outside its treasury to which contributions would be invited, for the purchase of medical supplies to be sent to Vietnam. The Fund would be so set up that individual members of the Meeting could dissociate themselves from its function without dissociating themselves from the Meeting.

Prolonged discussion followed. It was felt that progress was made toward a meeting of minds, but that full agreement was not yet reached. It was agreed that the Meeting would further consider this matter on Thursday, March 16th at 7:30 p.m..

3) It was approved that visitors to our Meetings for Worship be invited to introduce themselves at the close of meeting.

4) A letter was read from Dean Allen of the Univ. of Mass. thanking the Meeting for its support of its Draft Symposium.

5) Bryce Ford questioned whether the Meeting were paying a telephone tax (for support of the war).

6) It was approved that a travel minute be granted to Glenn Johnson for his proposed fifteen-month-trip in Europe.

Following a period of silent worship, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m., purposing to reconvene on March 16th. Maximal attendance was 38.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Business
Mar. 16, '67

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The adjourned meeting of March 8th and 12th reconvened on the 16th at 7:40 p.m., with 14 persons present. The Clerk, Margaret Holden, read excerpts concerning the manner of meetings' reaching difficult decisions, from Faith and Practice and from Howard Brinton's "Making Decisions". These were followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of March 12th were read.

2) Curtis Johnson pointed out that according to Faith and Practice, 7 days' notice must be given of Special Meetings, that our business transactions of March 12th might therefore be void, and that the Trustees could well be notified of any impending action by the Meeting which might concern them -- such as the present proposal to send medical supplies to North Vietnam illegally. It was agreed that this and the meeting of March 12th are Adjourned Meetings rather than Special Meetings.

3) The Clerk read a communication from David Holden calling on each of us to have greater regard for the thoughtsof other members, particularly in our Business Meetings. Others also spoke of the need of a more kindly and brotherly approach in all of our business and other relations with each other.

4) Michael Rice presented a form of the material he had presented on the 12th, revised to provide for the Meeting's initiating the establishment of a Fund rather than operating it.

5) In the midst of the discussion of Michael Rice's proposal, Bryce Ford said he did not belong in any organization that said so much and took so little action. He orally tendered his resignation from the Meeting and left the Meeting House. It was felt that no action should be taken on his resignation at that time. A period of contemplation followed, both silent and spoken.

6) Barbara Gilbert again offered to take cash to the Canadian Friends Service Committee when she goes to Canada on April 17th.

7) The Peace and Social Concerns Committee is asked to bring to us their recommendation of a way to witness our protest to the stand of our Government in preventing the sending of aid to the suffering anywhere in the world.

4 continued) The following minute presented by Michael Rice was approved:

On Eleventh Month sixteenth, 1966, the Mt. Toby Friends Meeting determined to apply for a license to send $1000. in medical aid for Vietnam through the Canadian Friends Service Committee, and to raise funds for this purpose through special contributions. The Clerk sent an application for this license to the U. S. Treasury Department on Nov. 21, 1966. The Clerk has received notice that, on the advice of the State Department, this license was denied on February 27, 1967.

The Mount Toby Friends Meeting does not recognize the right of the United States government to prohibit acts of Christian love, such as rendering medical aid to victims of war -- too many of them victims of our own country's bombs. Since we were not united on the wisdom or correctness of an action that could be construed as being in violation of the law, we did not proceed, as a Meeting, to transmit the funds collected for Vietnam Medical aid.

8) The Treasurer is asked to return to the donors the money in the Vietnam Fund and to furnish therewith the names and addresses of the Quaker Action Gorup and of individuals who are willing to take the cash to Canada. Those who wish their money to remain in the treasury in eschrow may return it to the Treasurer.

9) The Meeting minutes its loving support and encouragement of individual members to follow the course their conscience dictates.

After a period of silence, the meeting closed at 11:50 p.m.. Maximal attendance was 30.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge
Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Business
April 12, 1967

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The Monthly Meeting for Business convened on April 12th, 1967 at 7:55 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett with 12 present. The reading of a Special Query Concerning Students by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of March 16th were read.

2) The Clerk called attention to various coming meetings and bulletins concerning Quaker activities and peace activities of other groups.

3) The following statistics were read by the Recorder, Fritz Kaufhold: For 1966:

No. members at beginning of year	141
" " " end " "	155
Gain	14

At endof year:

No. of members under 21	55
No. of resident members	120
" " non-" "	35

4) A request from Ethel Dubois was read for permission to use the Meeting House for a dance for the Upward Bound group of Univ. of Mass. on Saturday, May 6th. The request was enthusiastically granted.

5) It was approved that a supply of copies of The Guidelines for Use of the Meeting House be made for distribution as needed.

6) A letter was read from our member Martin Stein, thanking us for keeping in touch with him thru the Newsletter.

7) Attention was called to the coming workshop at Woolman Hill on Revolutionary Quakerism, May 5-

8) A questionnaire on race relations from International Conference of Friends was presented. Francis Holmes is requested to fill this out and return it.

9) Curtis Johnson and others who may be present at the May Quarterly Meeting in New Haven were appointed as representatives to that meeting. The conflict with the workshop at Woolman Hill was noted. (Minute 7 above)

10) The following were appointed as a committee to arrange for the October Quarterly Meeting: Robert Agard and the conveners of the Program, Religious Education, and Fellowship Luncheon Committees.

11) A proposed budget for the year beginning June 1, 1967, was presented by the Treasurer, Robert Agard. He pointed out that income for the current waning year is some $3,000 short of the budgeted disbursements for the year. The Meeting requested the Treasurer to print quarterly financial reports in the News letter. The budget will be further discussed at the May meeting.

12) Becky Holmes was appointed to replace Teresina Havens on the Committee on Clearness for the marr~~aiag~~iage of Bryan Lloyd and Catherine Morris. (Minute 5 of March 8th)

13) The past activity of the Southern Student Committee was approved. The Committee was encouraged to continue its readiness for function in the event a suitable family is found to provide a home for a student attending the Amherst High School.

14) The Meeting expressed its support of the referendum among Amherst citizens by Four-College students concerning de-escalation and negotiations in relation to the war in Vietnam. The referendum follows: "We are concerned with the human and material cost of the war in Vietnam. We urge our government to cease bombing North Vietnam immediately, and to recognize the National ~~Labor~~ Liberation Front in negotiations for the establishment of a coalition government, with international supervision of these proceedings and of the withdrawal of foreign troops."

15) At this point Margaret Holden had to leave, in view of her departure tomorrow for a piano recital in Indiana. Trevor Robinson was chosen as Clerk for the remainder of the meeting.

16) The Nominating Committee presented the following names as suggested nominees of the Monthly Meeting to Quarterly Meeting:

for representative of Quarterly Meeting to Yearly Meeting Finance Committee: John Foster;
for Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee: Philip Woodbridge.

16 continued) The Meeting approved the following nominations to the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel: Ethel DuBois and Becky Holmes, to replace Phyllis Agard, Curtis Johnson, and Philip Woodbridge.

17) It was agreed that ~~that~~ the convener of Peace and Social Concerns Committee be asked to serve as contact person with Friends Committee on National Legislation.

18) William Hummon stated that academic obligations would take him away from this area and therefore would necessitate his resigning from the co-convenership of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

19) William Hummon read a report from Peace and Social Concerns Committee recommending:

a) that the Meeting express itself as being opposed to government action prohibiting sending aid to the suffering anywhere in the world;
b) thatthe Newsletter publish a list of worthy objects and appeals which may interest us, and that the list be placed on the bulletin board;
c) support of the Philadelphia Quaker Action for Peace and Fellowship of Reconciliation in their legal appeals from the government's action to halt sending aid to those suffering from the Vietnamese war;
d) a Picnic and Be-In following an Amherst Vigil for Peace -- suggested date, May 7th.

20) We approve having Ross Flanagan come to talk on non-violent technics, if this can be arranged.

21) It was approved that Minute #9 and the second part of Minute #4 of March 16th be sent to

Senators Kennedy and Brooke
Congressmen Conte and Bolin
U. S. Treasury Dept .
U. S. State Dept.
Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Friends Committee on National Legislation
Executive Com. of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

22) The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel forwarded with its approval the request of Philip Dirks that his name be dropped from our membership list. The Meeting approved doing this.

23) Word has been received that Flora and Glenn Johnson were full members in the Meeting from which they transferred to this Meeting. They are therefore to be regarded as full members of Mount Toby Monthly Meeting.

Following a period of silence, the meeting closed at 11:20 p.m.. Maximal attendance was 20.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Business
May 10, 1967

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The Monthly Meeting for Business convened on May 10th, 1967, at 7:50 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett with 7 present. The reading of the 5th Query by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of April 12th were read and were approved after one correction had been made.

2) The Clerk reported that she had written letters in accordance with Minute 22 of April 12th.

3) The Recording Clerk brought up the matter of his difficulty in hearing in Meetings for Business. It then appeared that this difficulty was shared by others. Rearrangement of seating was made, and the Recording Clerk agreed to continue in office.

4) The appointments of Ethel Dubois and Becky Holmes to Meeting on Ministry and Counsel were approved, and appreciation was expressed to the retiring members Phyllis Agard, Curtis Johnson, and Philip Woodbridge.

5) The Nominating Committee nominated Bruce Hawkins for the position of Co-convener of Peace and Social Concerns Committee, to replace William Hummon. (Minute 18), 4/12/67)

6) It was pointed out in discussion that the ratio of Yearly Meeting's financial contributions to Friends General Conference and to Friends United Meeting was not at all commensurate with the services our Monthly Meeting receives from Friends General Conference and the concerns we share with Friends General Conference.

7) Travel minutes will be given to Teresina and Joseph Havens for their year's sojourn abroad under a grant from the Friends' World Committee, and to Lucia and Wilfrid Havens for their terms of residence in Hamburg and in South Devonshire respectively.

8) David and Julia Leonard, Helen Griffith, and Fritz Kaufhold were appointed as a Committee on Clearness for the proposed marriage of Lawrence Holden and Kathryn Scholz. John and Miriam Zahradnik were nominated as alternate members.

9) The recommendation of Ministry and Counsel that Ethel Gramercy be accepted into membership was presented. We welcome her into our fellowship.

10) Robert Myers reported on the April meeting on Ministry and Counsel. Discussion followed on the welcoming of visitors, and on the readiness of some, including children, to smoke in and near the Meeting House. Friends are reminded that smoking in the Meeting House by people of all ages is discouraged. Problems concerning substitute teachers in the First Day School were presented.

11) The Proposed Budget for the year ending May 31, 1968, as presented by the Finance Committee, was approved. It follows these minutes. Our major interests in New England Quakerly activities and those of Friends' General Conference will be made known to Yearly Meeting either thru our representation on Yearly Meeting's Finance Committee or by letter. The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved, and accompanies these minutes. It was pointed out that receipt of $354 is needed to meet the year's operating budget.

12) Francis Holmes presented a report on "Project Equality" and the following statement which was approved:

> In keeping with our testimony that there is that of God in every human being, the Mt. Toby Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends:
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> a) reaffirms the principles of "Project Equality";
> b) declares itself ready to join with other churches in Massachusetts, whenever they are ready, to form a regional or state-wide group to implement Project Equality here;
> c) to this end, adds to its total budget for 1967-68, approved in Minute 11 above, and appropriates therefrom $25.00 (i.e., approximately 50¢ per family), this sum to be set aside from which to pay its share of the first-year expenses of a Massachusetts Project Equality, whenever such is formed;
> d) determines to make all its own purchases henceforth from only those firms

which have signed the statement of undertakings prepared by Project Equality (continuing to use our own mimeographed forms until forms are available from Massachusetts Project Equality); and

e) specifically affirms that in its own employment practices as a Meeting, it, too, will:

  1) maintain employment policies that will affirmatively promote opportunities for minority persons at all job levels;
  2) communicate this policy to all persons concerned, including all its own employees, especially personnel departments and department supervisors, to outside recruiting services and employee agencies, particularly those supplying the minority community, and to the minority community at large;
  3) take affirmative steps to hire minority persons in its own Meeting; and
  4) provide a chapter of Project Equality, when requested, a breakdown of its total labor force by race and job category so that its performance may be evaluated.

Francis Holmes was encouraged to continue his activity with regard to Project Equality, including notifying all other Friends' Meetings in Massachusetts of our action.

13) The Meeting endorses Frances Crowe's proposals to hold a meeting on the military draft in Northampton, and to send literature in regard to the draft to juniors and seniors in the high schools in the area of the Meeting. The expense should be borne by the Meeting, and an ad hoc committee will be formed by Frances Crowe and the Clerk.

14) The Meeting approves efforts to bring Ross Flanagan to us again soon, for further discussion of the non-violent approach to areas of tension.

15) The following letter is to be sent to editors of newspapers in this area:

> Dear
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> We, the Mount Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends (Quakers), together with the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, want to express our view that the draft should be abandoned.
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> In keeping with the three hundred year old tradition of the Society of Friends, and the beliefs of the founders of this country who came here to be free from militarism, we are opposed to all forms of conscription for military service.
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> After two world wars and many years of experience with the draft we find that it does not provide an effective way to deal with the many problems of the world. Political, not military, solutions are needed.
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> We believe that it is particularly wrong to coerce young people to serve in the military forces against their conscience or better judgment. However, as we realize America will not abandon military action in many situations, we urge that any military or policing action be channeled through the United Nations, which would greatly decrease the need for a large national army.
>
> Sincerely yours,

16) A letter was read from the General Secretary of Canadian Quaker Service — Vietnam expressing appreciation for the $339 taken to that organization from local individuals by Barbara Gilbert.

17) Concerning the ~~referendum~~ Amherst referendum on the war in Vietnam stated in minute 14 of April 12th meeting, the newspaper report was received that 38 percent favored the statement of the referendum, 46 percent opposed it, and 16 percent were undecided.

The meeting ~~adjourned~~ closed shortly after 11 o'clock, following a period of silent worship. The maximal attendance was 17.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge
Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Budget
6/1/67-68

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1969

OPERATING BUDGET

MEETING ACTIVITIES

Administrative and general including telephone	$200
Library	150
First Day School	350
Newsletter	250
Scholarship Fund	50
Fellowship Luncheon and Housing Supplies	175
Clothing Comm. Supplies	25
Contingency	75
Peace and Social Concerns	100
	1375

MEETINGHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Insurance	575
Floor waxing	125
Lawn Care (rough chip)	95
Snow removal	100
Heat and Light	300
Repairs and Maintainence	200
	[illegible]

LOCAL OUTREACH

Posters and notices, speakers expenses, student activities and other expenses for special meetings	100
	100

REGIONAL OUTREACH

Yearly Meeting Contribution	750
Yearly Meeting Equalization Fund	60
Woolman Hill	125
China Camp	50
Friends General Conference Meeting House Fund	25
Mass Council of Churches	15
	1025

WIDESPREAD OUTREACH

Am. Friends Service Comm.	25
Friends Com. on Nat'l Legislation	25
Central Com for CO	50
Friends World Com. & Fellowship Council	15
	115

OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	4010
Amortization	3160
Total	7170

NOTES: 1-On January 1,1969 interest payment will be due the Greenfield Friends; if this is at a 5% interest rate this would amount to $1050 each year (on a debt of $21,000)

Also on May 1,1970 annual amounts of $500 become payable to the Meetinghouse Fund of Friends General Conference.

2- This year's proposed budget is $240 over last years budget primarily due to increased activity in the area of Peace and Social Concerns, increased First Day School enrollment and the Finance Comm. feeling that we should make some attempt to meet our Yearly Meeting Responsibilities (under their guidelines we should be contributing over $2,500)

3- The Meeting should realize that due to our loan responsibilities the budget will have to be increased at least $500 per year for each of the next 3 years.

Treas.
5/12/67

Mt. Toby Meeting of Friends

Treasurer's Reports, 4/31/67

B lance on hand, 6/1/66	$ 5422.17
Receipts, 6/66 - 5/67	6326.17
Total	11748.34
Expenses, 6/66-5/67	4681 .67
Balance	$ 7066.67

Balance on hand, 5/1/67	$ 7055.74
Check not to be paid	10.50
Balance	7066.24

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Received 6/66-5/67	6326.17
Received 5/67	260
Total	6586/17

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Operating budget	$ 6930
Receipts	6586
Required to balance budget	354

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Contribution budgeted but not paid	$ 1005

Business
6/14/67

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Minutes of the business meeting of 6-14-1967

1. The meeting opened at 7:50 p.m. with the reading of query 7 and a period of silent worship. Attendance then was 12.

2. In the absence of Philip Woodbridge, Francis Holmes was appointed Recording Clerk pro tem.
cc. P. Wo

3. The minutes of 5-10-1967 were read. There were no corrections.
cc. P. Woodbridge ✓

4. Copies were distributed of the attached text of excerpts from the report of our Committee on Reconciliation, in the form in which the FRIENDS JOURNAL wishes to reprint it under the title WHEN QUAKERS DISAGREE. In discussion, several showed that the introductory paragraph contained misleading irrelevancies. Joseph Havens pointed out that the article would be more useful to readers if it were more specific about (a) the subject of the original disagreement, (b) the technique used to relax the tensions, and (c) the nature of the outcome. David Leonard felt there were sufficient explicit examples of disagreement listed in the proposed text, but agreed that the professional techniques used in solution, and the nature of the results, would make the text more helpful. Joseph Havens was invited to write a more descriptive text if he wished. It was pointed out that the proposed text purports to excerpt the committee's actual report, so that any additional statement must be clearly separated from the excerpts. Alta Mae Reber reported, in behalf of John Zahradnik, that he felt that it was a negative text. She felt that publication of the report might in itself endanger reconciliation. She further reported that John Zahradnik said that if it were published it should not be anonymous. David Holden proposed that we not publish so long as anyone disapproves. The Clerk stated the sense of the meeting that it did not unite in approval of publication. Robert Myers will communicate with the FRIENDS JOURNAL to that effect.
J. H.

5. Joseph Havens reported for the Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Bryan Lloyd and Catharine Morris (comprising himself, Becky Holmes, and Robert and Nancy Archer). The Committee concluded favorably for this marriage, which is to take place on August 19. They recommended that an Oversight Committee be appointed to help with preparations for the wedding and explained that the Committee on Clearness plans to visit Catharine Morris' parents, who live in Amherst. The Meeting accepted the report and approved undertaking the care of this wedding.
cc.: Bryan Lloyd ✓
C. Morris ✓
J. Havens ✓
R + N. Archer

6. The Meeting appointed Caltha and Kirk Mellor, Becky Holmes and Trevor Robinson as the Committee of Oversight for the wedding of Bryan Lloyd and Catharine Morris. In the event of inability of any of these to serve, the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel is asked to replace them.
cc. B. Lloyd ✓
C. Morris ✓
C + K. Mellor
T. Robinson

7. The report of the Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Lawrence Holden and Kathryn Scholtz was read (Helen Griffith, Fritz Kaufhold, and David and Julie Leonard). Julie Leonard commented further thereon. The Committee recommended favorably for this marriage. A letter from Lawrence Holden was read, requesting an appointed meeting at the meetinghouse on August 27 at 2:00 p.m. for their wedding, and requesting appointment of a Committee of Oversight. The Meeting accepted the report and approved undertaking the care of this wedding. David Holden reported that further exploration is under way of alternative locations for the wedding.
H. Griffith ✓ cc. L. Holden ✓
K. Scholtz ✓
D + J. Leonard
Kaufhold ✓

8. The Meeting appointed Trevor and Laura Robinson and Robert and Phyllis Agard as the Committee of Oversight for the wedding of Lawrence Holden and Kathryn Scholtz.
T + L. Robinson
L. Holden ✓
K. Scholtz ✓

9. The attached preliminary report of the Treasurer for the year 1966-1967 was read in Robert Agard's behalf by the Clerk.
cc. R. Agard ✓

10. Trevor Robinson presented the following nominations of the Nominating Committee:
    - a. in place of Ethel Dubois as Convener of the Religious Education Committee, Barbara Gilbert, starting in the fall. She has agreed to serve if the title be changed to First Day School Committee. cc. B. Gilbert ✓ E. Dubois ✓
    - b. to serve as Convener of Religious Education Committee for the summer, John Foster. cc. J. Foster ✓ E. Dubois
    - c. for a 3-year term on the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, Curtis Johnson.
    - d. in place of Flora Johnson (who is going to college) on the Program Committee, Miriam Brooks. cc. M. Brooks D. Weir
    - e. in place of Daniel Weir (who has gone to VISTA), as convener of the Program Committee, Myrtle Johnson. cc. M. Johnson D. Weir

These nominations are to be acted on at the July business meeting. Friends accepted the resignation of Ethel Dubois with regret, and with appreciation for all her work. The Meeting approved the change of the name of the Religious Education Committee to First Day School Committee. cc. E. Dubois ✓ B. Gilbert ✓

11. Since Joseph Havens will be away next year, he proposed as his replacement on the Student Outreach Committee, John and Miriam Zahradnik to serve as co-conveners and, as an additional member, Curtis Johnson. The Meeting approved his proposal. These nominations are to be acted on at the July business meeting. cc. J. Havens J. M. Zahradnik ✓ C. Johnson T. Robinson ✓

12. The foregoing Minutes were read, corrected, and then approved.

13. The nomination in May of Bruce Hawkins as co-convener of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was approved. cc. B. Hawkins ✓

14. The Clerk reported that Francis Holmes wrote to all other Friends Monthly Meetings in Massachusetts about PROJECT EQUALITY. A copy of his letter and enclosures is attached to these minutes. cc. F. H.

15. Becky Holmes, for the Clothing Committee, asked (a) all who are sponsoring families in Mississippi to choose from sorted categories of clothing in the Clothing Room, (b) anyone to mail the labelled boxes of clothing placed in the hall, to families addressed thereon, and (c) for individuals to help sort and pack clothing. cc. B. H.

16. The Clerk read a request from Ethel Dubois to rent the Fellowship Room of the meetinghouse to aid her teaching in the Upward Bound nature program, if necessary in emergency. The Meeting approved her use of the room without paying rent if she needs it for this. cc. E DuBois

17. The Clerk asked for a substitute for July and August, when she must be away. The Meeting appointed Thomas Hancock, who agreed to serve. cc. T. Hancock ✓ [illegible]

18. It was agreed to continue Fellowship Lunches during the summer, even if attendance be light.

19. For the Clothing Committee, Becky Holmes asked leave to hold an auction on June 24, of otherwise-useless items found in the clothing collection, the proceeds to be used to pay for shipping clothing for relief. The Meeting approved that she go ahead and make appropriate arrangements. Friends may give her other items to be so auctioned. cc. [illegible] cc. T. Robinson ✓

20. The Clerk read a communication from the Friends Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children, about 60 orphans, under 3 years of age, now released by the Saigon government for adoption by families in the United States. She displayed a single example of a child's description and contribution form. The list of orphans was made 5 months ago, so the FMSVC has sent a mission to see that the children have good care until they are adopted. To maintain one child until adopted will require $20 per month for the next

7 months. We are asked to find $140 for one such child's care, pending its adoption. The Meeting agreed to underwrite this amount, to send enough now for 3 months, and to propose to our own children of High School and Junior High School age that they appoint or obtain 1 or more volunteers to collect and/or raise, through action of all children of the Meeting, in contacting their families, the money to cover this expense. Robert Myers pointed out that checks made to the Meeting, being income-deductible for tax purposes, enlarge the gift. It was approved that the cooperation of the children be solicited as soon as a called meeting of the children can be arranged. Their appointee would consult with our Treasurer regarding details about the handling of the money. Lucia Havens was appointed to present the matter to the group, and she accepted the assignment. She will consult with Miriam Zahradnik and with the Clerk. cc. Lucia Havens ✓

21. The following, attached, annual reports of Committees were read, discussed, accepted and approved:
    a. Student Outreach, by Joseph Havens, with supplementary comments by Margaret Holden for the Mount Holyoke group. cc. J. Havens, M. Holden
    b. Program, by Robert Archer, read by Margaret Holden. cc. R. Archer ✓ D. [illegible] ✓
    c. Southern Student Project, by Alta Mae Reber, with supplementary report by Francis Holmes, for the Host Family. cc. A. M. Reber, F. Holmes ✓

22. David Holden asked for an expression by the Meeting in support of Ridgley Clark and his expression of concern for Viet Nam by wearing a black arm band in mourning for the dead in the conflict there. It was pointed out that this action requires a courage far beyond mere parental urging, considering the pressures for conformity in school. Joseph Havens questionned whether we should automatically support children's actions as regards pacifism or other Quaker principles. Francis Holmes said that we must answer when we are asked for an expression in a given instance. Alta Mae Reber said that such actions by our children are a result of our own positions and we have - at least implicitly - asked them to take action in support of our stated principles, and so we should support them. Francis Holmes urged that whether we support the concern is the question, and he does support the concern expressed, whether or not we know the best way to express our concern and whether or not we know just the depth of any other individual's concern. Julie Leonard pointed out that Ridgley Clark is now standing up for rights denied our young people in the dictatorship of the school systems. She personally supports his stand. Joseph Havens said that we have a weighty responsibility for the nature of Ridgley Clark's continuing testimony. Robert Myers expressed appreciation to the whole Clark family for supporting Ridgley in the matter. The following Minute was approved and the Meeting directed that copies be sent to the Clarks, the school and the local newspapers. cc. D. Holden ✓ D. + M. Clark ✓ [illegible] ✓

23. The Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) states its support of Ridgley Clark and his family for the stand they have taken in defense of freedom to express, in our public schools, convictions regarding the Viet Nam war.

24. The Clerk announced that financial aid is available for children who attend the Yearly Meeting.

25. The Clerk announced that a clipping was received from Philip Woodbridge on the subject of halting the Viet Nam war. cc. P. Wo[illegible]

26. The foregoing minutes were read, corrected, and then approved. The meeting closed with a moment of silence at 11:25 p.m. During the meeting attendance reached a maximum of 23. Final attendance was 12.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

Francis W. Holmes
Recording Clerk pro tem

Reconciliation Com

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WHEN QUAKERS DISAGREE

That Friends, however pacifistic in principle, do not always agree among themselves is a sad fact of life that every now and then is sorrowfully discovered anew. In one apparently thriving Meeting this problem recently reached a state approaching crisis, with discord among members becoming so pronounced that a "Committee on Reconciliation" was appointed. From that committee's report, presented to the Monthly Meeting several months later, the following excerpts are being published here because of their possible interest to other Meetings which occasionally may find themselves in similar situations.

The Committee on Reconciliation believes that a state in which Meeting members were uniformly in agreement on all issues of importance to us as Friends might not be a healthy condition, as it would not be conducive to the growth and development of the Meeting. Therefore we do not see it as our function to attempt to resolve all differences . . .

The Committee finds differences in many areas:

Some Friends take a strong pacifist position.

Some might be described as moderate pacifists.

Some find their judgment on any particular war strongly influenced by issues other than the traditional Quaker position.

Some Friends are teetotalers, others are not.

Some Friends refrain from the use of tobacco as a matter of Quaker principle; others refrain for health reasons; others smoke.

Some in our Meeting would allow teen-agers to develop principles of behavior through experience; others offer varying degrees of guidance; others require observance of [illegible] and clearly defined rules of behavior, believing this is most helpful to young people in their still-formative years.

There is a strong feeling on the part of some Friends that the traditional codes of sexual behavior should not be questioned, while others believe it is appropriate to examine with open minds the changes that seem to be taking place in sexual mores.

Some Friends believe the door to membership in the Society of Friends should swing wide to all seekers; others desire a more clearly defined basis for decision on applications for membership.

Some Friends believe anyone who is acceptable as a member is acceptable to undertake any responsibility in the Meeting for which he has the capability; others believe that persons in leadership positions should epitomize the traditional model of the Quaker.

Reconciliation Com.

Some Friends believe committees in the Meeting should be vested with considerable authority and leadership responsibility; others feel the Monthly Meeting should address itself to issues in more detail than is our present practice.

Some Friends find value in small discussion groups for the development of interpersonal relationships. With membership open at the beginning, such groups have made it a practice to require regular attendance and not admit participants later on, in order to preserve the continuity of the group discussion. However, some Friends feel that any Meeting-connected group must be kept open at all times, even to those who may wish to participate only occasionally.

Basic divergences have been apprent in regard to content and method in religious education.

Friends are not agreed as to how we should deal with conflict within our own number; Is it valid to undertake direct confrontation, with resultant release of anger and reduction of tension, or must the search for common grounds of understanding always be conducted with emotions held in strict control?

With diversity as to many issues, it is manifestly impossible to reconcile all points of view. Complete yielding of one side to one of the more clearly defined positions we have witnessed would not remove the tensions which have come to the surface from time to time and found focus in some person or issue. To avoid recognition of differences is to create a spurious appearance of accord. To seek uniformity of beliefs which would remove all differences is unrealistic and not in the Quaker tradition.

Many of our differences involve matters of principle which are not subject to compromise. But if we can achieve understanding and appreciation of attitudes, standards of behavior, and beliefs of others, even though we cannot subscribe to them, it is possible to live together and work together in a reasonable degree of harmony. Understanding and appreciation of the differences can grow as we search for and explore together what is basic in our own beliefs and in each other's. Since we are not a homogeneous group, we each need to concede the integrity of the others, even though some of their attitudes may not be acceptable to us.

The corporate life of our Meeting seems to be improved, and it can be improved by the ministry of all members. There is a need in our Meeting for group discussion of the things which are important to us as individual Friends and as a Meeting. It is important to be clear as to the purpose and the method of approach in each group discussion.

A question has been raised as to the responsibilities of committees appointed to visit applicants for membership. This poses the question: What do Friends expect of those who would become members of the Society? To answer this, we must know what we expect of members of the Society. A focus on the meaning of membership in the Society of Friends might guide the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel as to the responsibilities of those who visit applicants. It might also raise a number of issues which should be explored more intensively by smaller interest groups.

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More importantly, it might provide a framework for discussion of the many areas in whic
we have differed from one another and in which we may well continue to differ.

It is the hope of the Committee on Reconciliation that through such discussions we can achieve an understanding and appreciation of positions and points of view which we may not be able individually to accept as our own. We may thus acquire a broadened perspective of the dimensions of diversity which we are able to encompass as a religious society without creed but with concern for one another and for all men.

Clearance

The Committee of Clearance met with Lawrence Holdren and Kathryn Scholtz on May 27, 1967 to talk with them concerning their request to be married under the care of Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting.

Members of the Committee spoke of their thoughts on the responsibilities of marriage and of the difficulties and joys involved in the close relationship of two people. Kathryn and Lawrence spoke of their search this past year for a deep understanding of their intentions to be married, its meaning to them and to both their parents. The Committee found that Lawrence and Kathryn have indeed understood with great sensitivity and intlligence what their decision involved and that they have responded to its problems with maturity and good judgement, reflecting the spirit of the love that they share together. They asked the Committee for the counsel of the Meeting if they should ever find themselves in the need of guidance.

The Committee found no barriers, no questions that would stand in the way of the marriage of Lawrence Holden and Kathryn Scholtz. We are very happy to recommend to the Monthly Meeting for Business that the Meeting oversee the marriage of these two young people.

Committee for Clearance

Helen Griffith

Fritz Kaufhold

David and Julie Leonard

Treasury
6/67

MT TOBY FRIENDS MEETING

Preliminary Treasurer's Report, 1966-1967

Balance, 6/1/66	$5422.17
Receipts	6816.17
Vietnam Fund	20.00
Expenditures	6098.02
Balance, 5/31/67	6160.32

Balance (check acc't)	1100.60
" (savings)	5060.29
	6160.89

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Operating budget, 1966-1967	$6930.00
Actual expenditures*	6098.02
Receipts, 1966-67	6816.17

*Three monthly mortgage payments, amounting to $749.19, have not appeared on the account books owing to the automated accounting pactise at the bank. Total expemditre, therefore are in the neighborhood of $6800.

Respectfully submitted

Robert M Agard

Robert M. Agard
Treasuer

Project Equality

24 Berkshire Terrace
Amherst, Mass. 01002
6-6-1967

Margaret Holden
Clerk, Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends
61 Silver St.
South Hadley, Mass

Dear Margaret Holden,

Friends in Connecticut and other states and/or major cities have cooperated in the formation of chapters of "Project Equality." Project Equality is an interfaith effort to establish a listing of firms that employ and promote their employees at all levels without any discrimination by race or religion or national origin. Thus, the purchases made by the churches themselves may be channeled in such a way as to encourage, rather than to discourage, equality in employment. Enclosed is a brochure that describes the operation of Project Equality in Connecticut.

There now exists an ad hoc committee to set up a state-wide Massachusetts "Project Equality." Most of the religious organizations in the state have a state organization and it is this state-wide jurisdiction of each faith that is joining with parallel organizations of the other faiths, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, to set up one Massachusetts Project Equality. Friends, as we all know, lack an organization that coincides with the extent of the state.

The Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting, in cooperation with the Amherst Human Relations Council, sent me as representative to the meetings that are initiating this Massachusetts Project Equality. When I reported back, they endorsed the organization and made plans to join it, as shown on the enclosed Minute 12 of the Business Meeting of 5-10-1967. Further, they determined at once to limit their own purchasing to cooperating firms and devised a temporary form for this purpose (also enclosed), pending the provision of a regular printed form by the Massachusetts Project Equality office once it is set up. Finally, they asked me to contact the other Quaker Meetings in Massachusetts, in hopes that Quakers might encourage prompt action by the Ad Hoc Committee, through our own prompt and united, state-wide action along these lines.

I should be happy to come to one of your Monthly Meetings for Business in the near future, to outline the advantages of Project Equality, to answer questions, and to ask for a similar minute from your Meeting endorsing Project Equality and making an appropriation towards its expenses as soon as it can be set up. Would you please let me know whether and when (and where) it would be convenient for you to include my visit on your business agenda?

Sincerely,

Francis Holmes

Francis W. Holmes

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cc.: M.B.Goodwin, N.Dartmouth M.M.
R.M.Dowben, Acton M.M.
D.J.Averill, Amesbury M.M.
R.Firth, Cambridge M.M.
J.Peacock, Lawrence M.M.
C.Spinney, Lynn M.M.
H.J.Hoge, Wellesley M.M.
D.Ashley, Allen's Neck M.M.
C.Tripp, Dartmouth M.M.
B.Pierce, New Bedford M.M.
G.M.Browne, Sandwich M.M.
D.F.Williamson, Swansea M.M.
S.Kirkaldy, Westport M.M.
M.Ware, Bolton M.M.
M.Holden, Mt.Toby M.M. ✓
W.H.Ware, Worcester M.M.
F.J.W.Wheeler, Pleasant St. M.M.

Project Equality

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Meeting for Business, 5/10/1967

Minute 12. A report on "Project Equality" was presented by Francis Holmes and the following statement was approved:

In keeping with our Quaker testimony that there is that of God in every human being, the Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends:

(a) reaffirms the principles of "Project Equality";
(b) declares itself ready to join with other churches in Massachusetts, whenever they are ready, to form a regional or state-wide group to implement Project Equality here;
(c) to this end, adds to its total budget for 1967-68, approved in Minute 10 above, and appropriates therefrom $25.00 (i.e., approximately 50¢ per member family), this sum to be set aside from which to pay its share of the first-year expenses of a Massachusetts Project Equality whenever such is formed;
(d) determines to make all its own purchases henceforth from only those firms which have signed the statement of undertakings prepared by Project Equality (continuing to use own mimeographed forms until forms are available from Massachusetts Project Equality); and
(e) specifically affirms that in its own employment practices as a Meeting, it, too, will:

(1) maintain employment policies that affirmatively promote opportunities for minority persons at all job levels;
(2) communicate this policy to all persons concerned, including all its own employees, especially personnel departments and department supervisors, to outside recruiting services and employee agencies, particularly those serving the minority community, and to the minority community at large;
(3) take affirmative steps to hire minority persons in its own Meeting; and
(4) provide a chapter of Project Equality, when requested, a breakdown of its total labor force by race and job category so that its performance may be evaluated.

Francis Holmes was encouraged to continue his activity with regard to Project Equality, including notifying all other Friends Meetings in Massachusetts of our action.

- Philip Woodbridge,
Recording Clerk

Project Equality

MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

According to decisions of the Library Committee at its meeting on January 2, 1967, and of the entire Monthly Meeting for Business on May 10, 1967: Our religious convictions require that we add the following considerations to the price and quality of goods or services we may purchase:

The concerns selling us goods or services should.......

(1) base their employment practices on merit alone,
(2) consciously exclude discrimination by race, creed, color or national origin,
(3) affirmatively promote opportunities for hiring and promoting minority persons at all job levels, including notifications to this effect addressed to all their employees, to recruitment services and to the minority community at large, and
(4) be willing to provide a chapter of Project Equality, Inc., when requested, a breakdown of their total labor force by race and job category so that their performance in these regards may be evaluated.

Therefore........

I. If your concern does not meet these qualifications, please promptly return our purchase order unfilled, so that there may be no delay in our placing the order for these goods or services elsewhere.

II. If your concern does meet these qualifications, please sign one copy of this sheet in the space provided below and return that signed copy with your invoice or bill. The other copy is for your records.

We shall hold the signed copy in our file for reference in connection with future orders, so that you will not be bothered by us with repeated requests to sign this same certificate. Further literature about Project Equality, including suggested "affirmative actions," will be sent on request. We thank you.

Sincerely,

Signed: ______________________
Name:
Title:
Address:

CERTIFICATE

Our employment practices are based on merit alone. We consciously exclude therefrom any discrimination based on race, creed, color or national origin. We affirmatively promote opportunities for the hiring and promoting of minority persons at all job levels, including notifications to this effect addressed to all our own employees, to recruitment services and to the minority community at large. We are willing to provide a chapter of Project Equality, Inc., when requested, a breakdown of our total labor force by race and job category so that our performance in these regards may be evaluated.

(Signed)______________________ (Concern)______________________

(Title)______________________ (Date)______________________

Student Outreach

Report of Student Outreach Committee

Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting
June, 1967

The same general plan of monthly gatherings for supper, worship and discussion has been continued through this past year. Students from all four colleges have been involved, though with minimal participation by students from the University. Meeting were usually held on the second Sunday evening, in the Smith Chapel Lounge or in homes of Meeting members (Zahradnik's, Rice's). This year one meeting was gathered in the apartment of Amherst faculty member Reineinder.

A large planning committe meeting was convened in mid-September. At that time it was decided that unprogrammed meetings seemed to have been the most interesting and useful; so with the exception of the first summer report meeting, topics were not decided beforehand. I feel this was variably successful; on some occasions it took a good portion of the discussion time to "get off the ground." One of the more stimulating discussions dealt with the peace vigil and other forms of pacifist dissent; another concerned "peak experiences" and growing sensitivity to our inner feelings and experiences.

This year's activity has been characterized by greater student responsibility in planning and publicizing than ever before. A "clerk" from each campus volunteered to distribute notices of the meetings, and to arrange transportation. By and large these four students have done their jobs responsibly. The task of mimeographing was distributed among two or three non-students, and did not work so smoothly. (The acquisition of a Meeting mimeograph may help in this problem.)

Students seem still to appreciate meeting in homes rather than in a college building, and this should be continued as far as possible. It might be wise to consider with the fall planning committee the possibility of returning to slighly more 'structure' to the meetings, though overprogramming still remains a danger.

The following names are proposed as "clerks" and planning committee members for the fall of 1967:

Amherst: Jim Maier and Dick Aronson

Smith: Susan Ehrlich, Cindy Herman, Gail Blattenberg

Mt. Holyoke: Alice Mudge (Soph.), Buckland Hall

UMass: Rosalind Clark; Shelby Allen (Neither girl has been specifically approached
in this regard)

are concerned,
So far as the older members, John and Miriam Zahradnik have agreed to assume chairmanship, and Myrtle and Curtis Johnson to assist them. I feel sure that Dudley Towne, "our man at Amherst", will continue to be interested.

Joseph Havens, Chairman (1966-67)

(Addendum: In March, the student group attended the performance of Brahm's Requiem at Smith; the May gathering was combined with the Peace Picnic and Festival
ill-fated
at the Zahradnik farm.)

Separate meetings of a small group of students from Mt. Holyoke on their own campus continue to be held.

Program
May 6th
'67

Dear Peggy:

Received your card on reports of standing committees, and would note the following activities of the Program Committee since it convened in February.

On March 23rd David Hartsough of the Washington FCNL staff spent a half day in Amherst. He spoke to a small group of University staff and faculty at a luncheon. An evening program was held at the Meeting House and programs of FCNL connected with the Vietnam War were discussed.

On April 7th David Malley delivered the Rufus Jones Lecture

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at the auditorium of the U School of Business Administration. The Religious Educ. Comm. arranged a pot luck dinner for the 20 or so visitors

Those who turned out for the lecture on that snowy evening were rewarded by a very dramatic and moving lecture on the revolutionizing ideas and attitudes in education today.

Sincerely

Bob Archer

Southern Student Project

Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends
Annual Report of the Southern Student Project Committee
Supplement: Final Report of the Host Family for Deborah Craig
14-6-1967

The project was very successful in the 2 explicit objectives proposed by the A.F.S.C., namely in raising the aims of the student and in broadening her experience of life. It was moderately successful in their undoubted third objective: individual interracial rapport.

Debbie had planned to become a nurse after graduating from Western Olin High School, Birmingham, Ala., by going to Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. After study at Amherst Regional High School, surrounded by classmates who expected just naturally to go on to college, she determined - with only a minimum of suggestion from us - to go to college for BS and RN.

She applied to and was accepted by (nursing schools at) 4 colleges: Univ. Massachusetts, Univ. California at Los Angeles, Tuskeegee Institute, and Florida State Univ. At least 2 offered her package deals of scholarship-loan-work/study funds totaling $1600 and $1650 (Univ. Mass. and Fla. State). She had long said she preferred to live away from the snow and ice, and it was no surprise to us that she chose Florida State. It is nearer home than UCLA and, having mostly white students, probably has a history of better facilities than Tuskeegee in a region where Negro colleges have long subsisted on financial dregs. We all wish Debbie well in her next 4 years at Tallahassee, and we hope to visit her there.

Debbie did a marvelous job at ARHS. She made friends galore, who helped her over the first few months of homesickness. She ended, as her proud foster-parents were confident she would, in the top tenth of her senior class, a member of the National Honor Society, and recipient of the Latin prize at graduation. Her mother and grandmother came to Amherst for her graduation, and all 3 returned home together last Saturday. Debbie also played on ARHS girls' basketball, baseball and track teams and was drum majorette for the ARHS band while she was here. In her senior year, at her suggestion and request, we allowed her to hold a part-time job downtown in a ladies dress store, from which income she bought her own clothes. She stuck to this job faithfully for the whole year.

Regarding rapport, we feel that Debbie came to be very much a part of our family, and she will never cease to be part of us. Debbie tended to be reserved much of the time, to keep her own counsel and to spend much of her time in her room, both studying and playing her records. This might be ascribed partly to the strangeness of living in a family of another race in a town where Negroes are a small minority. Support for this idea comes from the fact that most of her socializing and all of her dates were with other Negroes, although she made good friends of "whites" in both school and neighborhood. On the other hand, spending much of her time in her room playing teen-age records was something her mother said was characteristic of her in Birmingham, too, and keeping one's own counsel is something very precious to any teen-ager. There were plenty of moments of confidence between her and one or other of us, and we took part in many joint activities, either with her as our only teen-ager or with all 4 of our children. We feel that the rapport established was about as much as might be expected of any 15-to-17-year-old who was suddenly transplanted for 2 years into another family.

The Regional School Superintendent, Mr. Fitzgerald, has said that Debbie did so well that he and the principal, Mr. Langlois, agree they will accept another (academically qualified) southern Negro student in Debbie's place, again with the waiver of (approximately $800/year) tuition, if the Mt. Toby Friends Meeting wishes to sponsor a successor to Debbie. They feel there is no need to ask the School Committee's permission to continue so successful a program. The Holmes family is a bit uncertain of its 1967-68 plans and also feels that a single family should not add too many individuals as permanent commitments, and finally that the grand experience of seeing racial inhibitions vanish through interracial family life should be shared by many families. We urge the Meeting to find another Host Family promptly so that we may request assignment of another student to take advantage of the ARHS offer. We shall be happy to serve on the Southern Student Committee in support of such a family.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Holmes

Business
July 12, 1967

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The Monthly Meeting for Business convened on July 12, 1967, at 7:50 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett with 11 present. The reading of the 8th Query by the temporary Clerk, Thomas Hancock, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of June 14th were read.

2) Becky Holmes stated that the wedding of Bryan Lloyd and Catharine Morris on August 19th will be open to all members of the Meeting. (June 14, min. #5)

3) A [redacted] letter from Lawrence Holden and Kathryn Scholtz was read, changing the plans for their wedding to August 27th at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Suffield, Conn.. (June 14, min. #7)

4) The nominations recorded in minutes 10 and 11 of June 14th were approved.

5) The Clerk announced that letters had been sent in conformity with minute #23 of June 14th. The attached correspondence between the Superintendent of Schools and the Recording Clerk was read.

6) The Treasurer, Robert Agard, reported that $60 had been sent to the Friends Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children, of which $30 had been contributed for this purpose and $10 had been transferred from our Fund for Medical Supplies for Vietnam. (June 14, min #20)

7) A letter from Fred Moore, Jr., and Suzanne Williams was read, forwarded from the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, requesting that they be married under the supervision of this Meeting, probably in September. It was noted that newspapers have reported that the couple married themselves in the presence of 50 witnesses, about 2 weeks after the date of the letter. The Meeting nominated Robert Myers, Phyllis Agard, Miriam Zahradnik, and Russell Brooks as a Committee on Clear~~ance.~~ness.

8) A letter from Susan and Stevenson Fletcher was read by the Clerk, in which they request relief from their various offices in the Meeting, because they find themselves at odds with actions of the Business Meetings. The Meeting approved referring the letter to the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel. It was pointed out that the Fletchers have deeper roots in Quakerism than do many others in the Meeting; and that there is regrettably little intervisitation between families in our Meeting.

9) An invitation was presented from Monadnock Monthly Meeting to a Friends' Meeting for Worship to be held at Cathedral of Pines in Rindge, N.H., on August 6th at 5 p.m..

10) The accompanying report of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee was read. The report was approved, and commendation was made on the excellence of the summary of the widely varying activities.

11) The detailed annual report of the Library Committee was read by Francis Holmes and approved by the Meeting. The Library Committee is asked to take up its recommendations with the appropriate committees.

12) The annual report of the Outreach Committee was read by the Clerk. The need of more bulletin board space was discussed, and the Outreach and Meeting House Committees were asked to hold a joint meeting on this matter. The report was approved.

13) Becky Holmes requested to be relieved from membership in the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, because of her obligations to the work of the Clothing Committee. The Meeting granted this request.

F. Holmes [illegible]
B Holmes offered (when asked) [illegible]
would be [illegible]
but no one [illegible]

14) Philip Zahradnik was appointed representative to Young Friends at Yearly Meeting.

15) Miriam Zahradnik was appointed to act as substitute for John Foster in the position of representative from Quarterly Meeting to Yearly Meeting.

16) The Clerk is asked to send a note to Peggy Reber, who is presently disabled by a fracture of the jaw and other injuries.

17) It was decided not to schedule a Business Meeting for August at this time.

The preceding minutes were approved, and the meeting closed at 10:40 p.m. after a period of silent worship. Philip Dudley Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

The following minutes for the Business Meeting of July 12th were added later by the ~~[illegible]~~, Acting Clerk, Thomas Hancock: (renumbered here for convenience and clarity)

Additions to min. #5) Letters were sent to Ridgely Clark and family; Chairman of the Regional School Committee; Superintendent of Schools; Principal of Junior High School, and local newspapers. The letter appeared in the Amherst Record; Ridgley Clark publicly thanked the Meeting at the close of worship.

Addition to min. # 6) Miriam Zahradnik reported on the meeting with young Friends concerning Kim, the Vietnam boy.

18) No report on plans for Quarterly Meeting in October was available, due to two factors; 1) change in convenor of Program Committee to Myrtle Johnson; 2) no report from Francis Crowe as to whether Ross Flanagan will be available as speaker at that date.

d. to 13) The Meeting asked the Nominating Committee to find a replacement of Becky Holmes on the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel.

Addition to min. 15) Miriam and Philip Zahradnik were appointed to serve as substitutes for John and Georganna Foster as representatives ~~to~~ of the Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting to Yearly Meeting.

19) The following announcements were made:

I) Jill Holden is ill.

II) Phil Woodbridge will shows his slides (of the Good Friday vigil in Boston and the vigil with the crew of the Phoenix in Washington, D.C.) to a group including young people. This will be planned with the assistance of the Program Committee.

III) The proposed Hampshire County Coordinated Action for Peace (CAP) was announced.

IV) The Hiroshima Day Pilgrimage to Montreal on August 4 to 6, 1967.

Ridgely Clark letters

AMHERST-PELHAM REGIONAL SCHOOLS
Superintendent's Office
April 18, 1967

Subject: Wearing of Armbands in Our Junior High School

To: Students and Parents of Students in the Regional Junior High School

Most of you are aware that a controversy has developed over the wearing of black armbands in the Junior High School. Contrary to the impression created by published comments, this controversy did not develop as the result of any general ban on armbands being announced by either the school principal or the superintendent of schools. No such ban had even been contemplated by school authorities until a specific incident occurred, an incident which cannot be divorced from the context of other behavior incidents in the school.

We believe that it would be rather sad to feel forced into a position of instituting a permanent ban on armbands. On the other hand, no public school could maintain the orderly environment needed for an efficient educational program without exercising the right to regulate student behavior. With these thoughts in mind, I announce that no general ban on armbands exists in our Junior High. However school officials will exercise their prerogative of insisting that specific pupils may not wear armbands or other unusual visual displays whenever we judge that these displays are related to behavior problems and the maintenance of an orderly environment in the school.

Individual parents who wish to challenge the judgment of school officials as it is applied to their children may request a hearing before the School Committee. Such a hearing can be arranged by contacting the superintendent's office at least five days prior to a scheduled monthly meeting of the Committee.

In closing this letter, I wish to express my appreciation to the many students and parents who continue to give us their consistent cooperation as we attempt to operate a productive program of public education.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Fitzgerald
Ronald J. Fitzgerald
Superintendent of Schools

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Ridgely Clark letter

AMHERST-PELHAM *Regional* SCHOOL DISTRICT

AMHERST • PELHAM [illegible] • SHUTESBURY

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

[redacted]

Mr. Francis Holmes
[redacted]
Amherst, Mass. 01002

Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you for your letter of June 16th from the Society of Friends. I can certainly understand your action since it would have to be based upon your hearing one side of a story. However, as a matter of record, the school has not taken any action to suppress the responsible expression of convictions on the Viet Nam war or on any other controversial issue. I believe that this is very clearly outlined in my general letter of April 18th (copy attached). This letter defines a position completely unrelated to the Viet Nam war but directly related to our obligation to provide an orderly environment for effective learning.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Fitzgerald

Ronald J. Fitzgerald
Superintendent of Schools

[redacted]

Ridgely Clark letters

24 Berkshire Terrace
Amherst, Mass. 01002
21 June 1967

Ronald J. Fitzgerald, Superintendent
Amherst-Pelham Regional School District
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

Thank you for your letter to me of June 19. However, it should have been clear from my covering letter to you that I acted merely as transmitting agent (temporary Recording Clerk) for the Friends Meeting and that I was not writing in my own behalf. I therefore have forwarded your letter and enclosure to the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, Margaret Holden, 61 Silver Street, South Hadley, Mass.

Since you direct your reply to me personally, however, it may be well for me to express my own opinion, especially since I have not seen this opinion expressed elsewhere. I readily grant that it is proper for the school principal to assign punishment of any type not constitutionally excluded as cruel or unusual, to any child who breaks reasonable rules. However, the wearing of black clothes or (in lieu thereof) of a black armband in remembrance of the deceased is (a) a very conservative and traditional form of conduct, (b) a matter of personal choice of clothing that is neither improper nor infringing upon anyone else's rights, and (c) a matter countenanced by the parents who send the child to school.
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If a child is disrespectful in speech or action, has the school no normal and usual punishment, such as essay-writing, hearing of lecture by disciplinary officer, detention, or sending of complaint to parents? Is it right for the school to start in any way to dictate the choice of color or style of clothing within the realm of normal dress worn in our society's culture? This easily leads to public officials requiring all citizenry to wear or not to wear clothing of particular cloth, color or manufacture, and thence to control of management of their households, lives and thought.

I agree, then, with your position that the armband is distinct from the question of behaviour problems. Indiscipline in conduct should receive normal punishments of school systems, but the wearing of a black armband in honor of the dead is NOT an "unusual visual display" and its banning should be considered not only sad but also an illegal invasion of personal privacy and human rights.

Again, may I say that I have not communicated with you in my own behalf until you addressed your letter to me on the subject. I merely transmitted to you a minute from an organization whose minutes I transmitted to numerous people on numerous subjects last week. In 2½ years of transmitting hundreds of minutes to hundreds of people, this is the first time I have had a response indicating that the recipient considered I had addressed them in my own behalf.

Sincerely,

Francis W. Holmes

cc.M.Holden

Peace + Social Concerns Com.
Annual report

Annual Report of Peace and Social Concerns Committee

June, 1967

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee functioned only part of the year, because of the difficulty of finding a convenor after Bryce Ford resigned from that post in October. On January 11 William Hummon and Leone Barron were appointed co-convenors.

This summary of the committee's work during this brief period is written by the Monthly Meeting Clerk at the request of Leone Barron, who was of necessity out of touch with the committee for a period. William Hummon has had to resign because academic obligations have taken him away from this area.

1. A move to apply for a license to send medical aid to all parts of Vietnam through the Canadian Friends Service Committee had been initiated by the Ad Hoc Vietnam Committee and approved by Monthly Meeting on November 16. The license was finally denied by the Treasury Department. Peace and Social Concerns Committee recommended on March 8 that the Mt. Toby Meeting send or take funds to the CFSC without governmental license. Prolonged discussions on March 8, 12, and 16 revealed that the Meeting was not united in taking this action as a Meeting. It minuted its support of individuals acting according to their own consciences, and made information as to channels for sending aid available to everyone. It also asked Peace and Social Concerns to recommend ways of making known to the government its concern about licensing or denying humanitarian aid.

(A number of individuals have sent funds to CFSC by ~~individuals~~ people travelling over the border, and through the Amherst Quaker Action Committee trip to Canada.)

2. On April 12, Peace and Social Concerns brought to Monthly Meeting the following recommendations:

a) that the Meeting express itself as being opposed to government action prohibiting sending aid to the suffering anywhere in the world;
b) that the Newsletter publish a list of worthy objects and appeals which may interest us, and that the list be placed on the bulletin board;
c) support of the Philadelphia Quaker Action for Peace, and Fellowship of Reconciliation in their legal appeals from the government's action to halt sending aid to those suffering from the Vietnamese war;
d) a Picnic and Be-In following an Amherst Vigil for Peace - suggested date, May 7th.

The Meeting implemented suggestion a) by sending the Minutes pertaining to Medical Aid for Vietnam (Minute #3 and the second half of Minute #4 of March 16) to nine government officials and departments and Quaker organizations. Suggestion d) has also been carried out, as well as a further suggestion that Ross Flanagan come to talk about non-violence.

3. On April 12 Monthly Meeting agreed that the convenor of Peace and Social Concerns be asked to serve as contact person with the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

Peace + Social Concerns Com.
Annual report

4. On June 14 Monthly Meeting approved appointment of Bruce Hawkins to serve in William Hummon's place.

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During the year other activities of social concern have been planned and carriedout by other groups. It might make the picture of our Meeting's involvement in such concerns a more complete one, if these are mentioned here.

1. The Ad Hoc Vietnam Committee proposed a weekly Peace Vigil on the Amherst Common. Monthly Meeting approved this as a Meeting-initiated and continuing peace witness. The Ad Hoc Committee has handled details, such as police permission, leaflets, signs, publicity and general decorum. The Vigil, often numbering 300 participants, has included many from the wider community and still continues. (It started on December 4.)

2. The Meeting minuted its support of the Good Friday Peace Vigil in Boston. Many Meeting individuals participated in this Vigil.

3. A Meeting concern about draft counselling resulted in the appointment on November of an Ad Hoc Committee on Alternatives to the Draft. The committee consisted of Joseph Havens, Leone Barron, William Hummon and Daniel Weir.

4. On January 11 the Meeting minuted its moral and financial support of a Symposium on the Draft, at the University of Massachusetts.

5. On May 10 Monthly Meeting apporved Frances Crowe's proposal to hold a meeting in Northampton on the military draft, and to send literature in regard to draft alternatives to juniors and seniors in area high schools. The expense was to be born by the Meeting and the project carried out by an ad hoc committee to be formed by Frances Crowe and the Clerk.

6. A talk on Vietnam by Bronson Clarke of AFSC, held on April 10, was arranged by a small group of the Ad Hoc Vietnam Committee, with Meeting approval.

7. David Hartsough, of Friends Committee on National Legislation, was brought by the Program Committee to speak about Vietnam and the FCNL.

8. In April, Monthly Meeting expressed its support of the Vietnam Referendum among Amherst citizens.

9. In May, Monthly Meeting sent a letter on the draft to all area newspapers.

10. On November 27 Monthly Meeting asked Bruce Hawkins and Mary Kentfield to write letters to state officials expressing the Meeting's opposition to the death penalty.

11. In May Francis Holmes brought a concern about Project Equality to Monthly Meeting, which approved participation in a Massachusetts Project Equality. Francis Holmes has written all Friends Meetings in Massachusetts about this project and hopes to visit them to explain it.

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12. The Meeting has participated in the AFSC Southern Student Project, as reported by the Southern Student Project Committee.

13. Discussion in committees and in Monthly Meeting about ways of helping Vietnamese children led to a Minute of support and concern sent to the Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children on November 9. On June 20 Monthly Meeting welcomed the opportunity to support Nguyen-Kim-Nguyen, a two-year-old Vietnamese orphan, for several months until he can be adopted into a Quaker family in this country. Young Friends are spearheading the collecting of funds for our new Meeting child.

These sre evidences that the Meeting is concerned to translate its peace and brotherhood witness into meaningful action. Action has been planned and carried out in many ways, by various groups and individuals.

Your chronicler feels it would be inappropriate for her to evaluate or make recommendations. She would, however, hunbly urge us not to fall into the trap of complacency about what we have done, with so many desperate needs in the world for peace and social concern witness in love.

Margaret H. Holden, for the

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

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Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
1966-1967

Your Library Committee met regularly, the first Monday evening of each month, to make decisions and catalog books into the collection. Improvements in the Library this year have been the result of cooperation by many others in the Meeting with the few on our Committee. In particular, we wish to call attention of the Meeting to the work donated by Trevor Robinson, who constructed (a) a beautiful, wood-colored box for deposit of books being returned to the library, and (b) a double, detachable, sloping white shelf for display of all periodicals currently received by the Library. Many others in the Meeting also freely gave, both of books and of suggestions. A note is made in each book telling who gave it to the Meeting, but only recently has a list been kept of the donors, so we cannot give a full year's statistic on donations. The rest of this report is divided into 4 parts: A. Statistics. B. Duties of Committee members. C. Decisions. D. Recommendations.

A. Statistics.

Books (& pamphlets) on loan 6/1/66	72	
Books (& pamphlets) charged out 6/1/66-5/31/67	~~328~~	391
Total used outside Library during the year	~~400~~	463 ([illegible])
Still on loan, borrowed more than 1 year ago	27	
Still on loan, borrowed more than 6 months ago, less than 1 year	37	
Still on loan, borrowed during the past 6 months	78	
Total still on loan 6/1 /67	142	
Days on which books were charged out between 6/1/66 and 5/31/67	87	
Books that had been catalogued before 6/1/66	1,196	
Books catalogued 6/1/66 through 5/31/67*	145	
*purchased with Meeting funds	66	
*gifts	79	
Catalogued books in the library on 6/1/67	1,341	
Books awaiting cataloguing, or in process, 6/1/67	296	
Total books (& pamphlets) now available for loan	1,637	
Periodical subscriptions on Meeting funds 6/1/66	none	
Periodical subscriptions on Meeting funds 6/1/67	14	
Other periodicals received, free or donated	26	
Total periodicals received in the Library as of 6/1/67	40	

B. Duties. Divided among Library Committee members as follows:

Thomas Crowe: receives suggestions for and recommends adult books; writes book reviews.

Susan Fletcher: receives suggestions for and recommends children's books; prepares displays.

Francis Holmes: receives suggestions for and recommends periodicals; places orders for books and periodicals as well as for supplies and equipment; pays bills; records circulation; convenes meetings; is present in Library before and after Meetings for Worship to help borrowers.

Gladys Myers: makes cards, labels, pockets, etc., placed in and on books.

Gertrude Weir: catalogues books and pamphlets.

C. Decisions. Policy agreements of the committee during the year:

1. to have borrowers return books into a box and only committee members re-shelve them.
2. to rubber-stamp all incoming issues of periodicals but give catalog numbers and pockets only to bound volumes of periodicals.
3. to pass on all book and periodical purchases as a committee of the whole.
4. to post a notice on the bulletin board describing the several collections in the Library and listing the duties of the Committee members, to encourage people to enter the Library. (Later we were required to remove the notice, as the Outreach Committee desires only temporary notices on its bulletin board.)

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5. To ask the Religious Education Committee to permit us to show the children's classes, one at a time, how to charge out books (but only one class came).
6. To shift funds within our categories (new books, old books, adult books, children's books, periodicals, binding, supplies, equipment) as may be needed through the year.
7. To purchase books mostly through Friends Book Store for 20% Library discount.
8. To set up a reserve shelf requested by First Day School.
9. To label library shelves with subject headings.
10. To recommend the Meeting buy a typewriter, equipment likely to get greatest use.
11. To accept a set of 9 used, wooden, card-index drawers donated by Gertrude Weir.
12. To establish a box for suggestions of others about the Library.
13. To emphasize new children's books above adults' because children are our best users.
14. To solicit gifts of books for the Library but decline any we think unsuitable.
15. To send overdue notices (2nd time ever) in October 1966.
16. To accept any offer of payment for replacement of books lost by borrowers.
17. To buy children's books in cloth bindings only, adults' in paperback when much cheaper.
18. To add to Library facility the bench that has been unused for more than a year in the clothing room, if Clothing Committee agree.
19. To subscribe to major Quaker periodicals rather than depend on donations, so that current issues may always be at hand, rather than many incomplete sets more than 1 year old.
20. To publish monthly in the Newsletter a list of books catalogued into the collection.
21. To lend also any books not yet catalogued, by special arrangement with Librarian.
22. To permit Francis Holmes to make, as part of his duties, a cross-index of Pendle Hill Pamphlets by author, title, major words in title, number, and (eventually) subjects.
23. To purchase thick plastic covers for current issues of periodicals.
24. To purchase thin plastic covers for book jackets of new books.
25. To re-catalog books as Gertrude Weir thinks most suitable.
26. To require vendors to certify no racial discrimination in their hiring and promotion.
27. To add title cards to the card index, as most inquiries are by title only.
28. To display current periodicals on sloping white shelf over table unless Meetinghouse Committee disapprove.
29. To postpone binding all journals until next year because of expenses of supplies.
30. To buy books desired by Religious Education Committee so far as our budget allows, understanding that they will buy some from their budget. Their request exceeded our annual budget for all purposes, and arrived when our budget was wholly spent.
31. To recommend buying books for children in the Meeting at an older age than at birth, as babies prefer chewing books to reading them. Sue Fletcher was asked to consult with Religious Education Committee thereon and propose a separate budget to buy each child a Bible at an appropriate age

D. Recommendations.

1. That a comfortable bench or couch or 2 easy chairs be placed in the Library since we had so much favorable comment about our bench until it was taken by persons unknown.
2. That a second person experienced in cataloguing be added to the committee to help Gertrude Weir assign numbers for the rest of the committee to index books into the collection.
3. That another person be added to the committee to be responsible for the vertical file of thin leaflets about appropriate subjects.
4. That a list of books signed out more than a year ago (& borrowers) appear in Newsletter.
5. That there be a "Librarian" in addition to the Library Committee, someone to attend to the borrowers, write letters, make purchases, pay bills but not convene meetings, etc.
6. That the Meeting buy a standard typewriter and typewriter table.
7. Replace Sue Fletcher

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Holmes

for the Library Committee

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up with appropriate mtg committee
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Outreach Committee

May 1967

The Outreach Committee has developed a fairly routine set of procedures for itself and this year has not seen any new innovations. If this means we are in a rut, we hope other Friends will suggest ways in which we might climb out.

The areas in which we have worked concern the Directory and mailing list, pamphlet rack, bulletin board, publicity outside the Meeting, and between members of the Meeting.

We compiled and published a supplement to the Directory in November. It would be useful if Friends who ask our faithful addresser, Mary Kentfield, to add someone to the mailing list,they would also tell the Outreach Committee about the person, so we can be more aware of the new attender. Our general procedure is to put people on the mailing list for the newsletter after they have attended for a month or so. As our list grows steadily longer, we probably need some better procedure for subtracting from the list people whose interest has proved temporary.

We have ordered a large new supply of pamphlets for the rack near the door. Many of these were picked up in the fall, although I still do not think the rack is in a verygood position.

We try to maintain the bulletin board in an up-to-date condition. I think Friends feel very free to add interesting articles, news notes and notices of events; we do, however, have to remove these quite quickly in order for the bulletin board not to be several layers thick. We try to keep the notices confined to the far left edd of the tack board area because many Friends feel that worshipers should not be confronted with an unesthetic hodgepodge of paper on entering the Meeting house. From a practical point of view, if we did cover the whole area, it might be an unreadable amountof material. There is still no place for such things as piles of leaflets about various Friends organizations and notices such as Quarterly Meeting or special Meeting events which we may wish to distribute, but when one surveys the entrance way after Meeting for Worship, it is hard to see where we could put another rack which would be accessible. The new publications rack in the library has been very useful as a place for many things for which the bulletin board was not a good place. Our committee has not felt it was possible to take on the project of making books and pamphlets for sale, although there is scope for this.

The phone listing of the chairman of the outreach committee along with the Meetinghouse number appears to be a good idea as we do receive a number of calls for different kinds of information. Two students who were writing papers about Friends, and a teacher interested in teaching in a Friend's school were among recent inquirers. The former two found the resources of our library very useful. There is a question as to whether we should have a list it like this in the other exchanges in our area. Friends who live in South Hadley and Greenfield might think about this and/ or volunteer to be listed.

We have tried to make ourselves available to write and send stories to the newspapers on special events of the Meeting. We have used this as a method of making it known that there are Quakers in the area, probably more successfully than having regular notices. Some papers don't have these regularly and others require a weekly schedule of information which we have found it impossible to maintain. Some committees, such as the Peace and Social Concerns, have been very fortunate to have an excellent publicity person on their committee. Alice Scheffey has done some very dramatic publicity about the Peace Vigils. But Friends should not hesitate to ask us.

The newsletter editors have assumed the responsibility for getting information and publishing brief sketches of Friends in the newsletter.

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In the Yearly Meeting Advancement Committee last year, we heard about the possibility of an experiment, by the Friends General Conference, on getting publicity about Friends in the mass media. I ~~would~~ will be anxious to hear if this has been tried, as we might be interested in ~~bxxxg~~ ~~in~~ the results and their possible application to ~~xxx~~ Friends in this region. The Yearly Meetinghas also sent a questionaire about our public relations and we were able to answer most of the questions in the affirmative.

The Outreach Committee considers itself to be a housekeeping arm of the Meeting, especially of Ministry and Counsel, and all of these things will be mere mechanics if the spirit of welcome to newcomers is not really behind them. From time to time, we get reports of individuals who have felt the Meeting was cold and unfriendly. The latest discussion of this problem with Ministry and Counsel resulted in the plan to have visitors introduced after Meeting for Worship. I think this will be very helpful. Often, especially in the summer, there are not enough long time attenders to speak to all the visitors.

When a visitors grows to be a frequent attender and participant in the Meeting, I believe we have the further task of helping them to know something about the background of Friends. I wonder if it is time for another series of discussion about Quakerism such as Ministry and Counsel planned several years ago. Even though we say Quakerism is caught, not taught, I believe there is value in setting our particular sample of Quakerism in perspective.

Georgana M. Foster
Chairman, Outreach Committee

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The regular Meeting for Business convened on September 13th, 1967, at 7:50 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett with 15 present. The readings by the Clerk, Margaret Holden, of an extract from Thomas Brown's "When Friends Attend to Business" was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of July12th were read, and minor changes were made.

2) The Clerk read a letter from Helen and Robert Morris expressing their appreciation for the Meeting's gracious cooperation in the marriage of their daughter Catharine to Bryan Lloyd, (July 12, Min. 2)

3) The Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Suzanne Williams and Fred Moore reported on its conference with them. He desires to have a wedding under the supervision of a Friends' Meeting, and they both desire to avoid the issuance of a marriage license. Their present relationship is that of a common law marriage. The Meeting feels that it cannot consider supervising a marriage ceremony or celebration in the absence of an application for a license, but we wish to assure them of our loving relationship to them and of our readiness to receive further suggestions from them concerning any way in which we may be of help to them. The Clerk is asked to write to the couple about the Meeting's decision. (July 12, Min. 7)

4) Margaret Holden reported most favorably on the marriage of Lawrence Holden and Kathryn Scholtz in the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Suffield, Connecticut. (July 12, Min. 3)

5) A letter from Laura Robinson was read bringing up the question of how much variation the Meeting will premit in a wedding ceremony supervised by the Meeting, from that prescribed in Faith and Practice. The Meeting on Ministry and Counsel and others who are especially interested are asked to consider the question and to get information and advice from Yearly Meeting.

6) A letter was read from Friends Committee on Sufferance of Vietnam Children, telling of the favorable progress in the welfare of these children. (June 14, Min 20; July 12, Min.6)

7) The First Day School Committee brought up the matter of the close and overlapping timing of our Meeting for Worship (10:30-11:30), of the Peace Vigil (12-1), and of the Fellowship Luncheon (12:30-1:30 or 2:00), and the present curtailing of opportunity for fellowship after each Meeting forWorship and at the Luncheons. Various changes in scheduling were proposed, which will be considered in the interval between this and the next Business Meeting.

The annual report of the Committee was presented without being read, for inclusion in these minutes. Additional teachers are needed for grades 1 & 2 and for grades 3 & 4.

8) The Program Committee sought further approval of the Meeting for proposals (1) for discussion groups, (2) for travel programs, and (3) for personal entertainment of new members and attenders.

9) The Clothing Committee announced its plan for an auction of articles not suitable for shipping.

(June 14, Min. 19)
10) The Nominating Committee presented the namesof Philip Woodbridge for appointment to the Finance Committee and of Polly Ulin to the First Day School Committee.

11) Margaret Holden offered her resignation as Clerk, because of the serious sickness of her daughter Jill. High tribute was paid to the inspired manner in which she has carried out the obligations of Clerk in the past extremely difficult months. Her resignation was accepted with regret. Thomas Hancock was chosen as temporary Clerk pending nomination by the Nominating Committee and action by the Meeting. Philip Woodbridge served as Clerk while the matter of this minute was being considered.

12) Thomas Crowe offered his resignation from the Library Committee, incident to his assuming obligations in the First Day School. The resignationwas accepted.

13) Plans were announced for Quarterly Meeting to be held in this region on October 21st and 22nd.

14) Trevor Robinson and John or Georganna Foster were appointed Representatives to Quarterly Meeting.

15) Frances Crowe announced that 15 Draft Counsellors had been trained under the Meeting's Draft Counselling Plan in the past summer, and that facilities were available for training more counsellors. (May 10, Min. 13)

16) Marshall Smith reported for the Quaker Action Group on the handing over of about $3,000 to the Canadian Friends Service Committee at the U.S.A.-Canadian border for medical relief in North Vietnam. The event was extensively publicized, especially in Canada, by the news media. The Group wishes to request the Meeting to reconsider its stand concerning transmission of such funds. It was agreed that a special meeting will be held for this purpose. (Mins. of Mar. 8,12,16)

17) The Treasurer, Robert Agard, presented the following report, which was accepted and approved:

Preliminary Treasurer's Report, 6/1/67 - 8/31/67

Received, including interest	$619.81
on a budget of	7170.00
Expenditures	$1234.80

Vietnam orphan

Received	$73.70
Sent of Friends Meeting for Sufferings of Vietnamese Children	140.00

Robert M. Agard
Treasurer

18) Among various announcements was that of the plan of the Great Barrington group to hold Meetings for Worship at the Clarkes' home in South Lee.

After a period of silent worship the Meeting closed at about 10:50 p.m.. Maximal attendance was 25.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

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REPORT OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE 1966 - 1967

After reading the wonderful report of the religious education activities and recommendations for 1953 - 65 made by Phyllis Agard at the end of last year, and noting that a number of suggestions appeared time and again, we selected three of these for first consideration.

OBJECTIVES OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Basic to these considerations was a review of the objectives of religious education and the particular responsibility of the home, the Meeting and the First Day School in seeking to achieve them. We studied the discussions on this subject that the Meeting has had during the past few years as well as the Objectives of Religious Education compiled by Friends General Conference. Rather than try to formulate a list of objectives in our own words, a task that might well have consumed all of our monthly committee meetings for a year without reaching a consensus, we agreed to accept the assumptions and objectives as worked out by the Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference as consistent in spirit with our beliefs and convictions. A copy is attached to this report

TRAINING FOR FIRST DAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

While admitting that providing training training for teachers in the First Day School would no doubt be of benefit, we felt that it was unrealistic to expect teachers with heavy family and school or job responsibilities to give even more time than they were already devoting to this labor of love. This year, too, we were most fortunate in having as teachers persons with considerable experience, with no one in the Meeting really better qualified than some of them were to give such training. We all agreed, furthermore, that the kind of person the teacher is - his values, his own spiritual life, his love of the young people in his charge,- is the most important factor in effective teaching. Teachers were urged to attend the Committee's meetings where problems could be discussed. Also, the committee attempted to give all possible support to the teachers through their interest in their work, by suggesting and making readily available any pertinent reference material, by setting up a special reserve shelf in the library and by having several resource persons from New England Yearly Meeting meet with us during our Woolman Hill "retreat".

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The second consideration, the one on which we spent much of our time, was in response to the oft-repeated concern that we develop a more coordinated program for the First Day School. Most of the members who attended the committee meetings felt it importantthat such a program should be sufficiently structured to insure inclusion of certain basic topics or areas, presented in logical sequence to avoid unwanted repetition, yet flexible enough to meet the needs of our young people from widely diverse and varied backgrounds - and of our adult members who would be teaching. At least one parent felt that the young people "needed to discuss what they want to on their own terms". Others held an equally firm conviction that we have a responsibility to theyoung people in the Meeting to see that they have the opportunity to learn, among other things, something of the background and beliefs of world religions, of Christianity and of Quakerism. The following comment, made by a senior (and a "birthright" Quaker) in a Friends School, seems to point up this need for direction:

> "I grew up as a Friend and therefore never really understood or evaluated any other religion. This in itself is perhaps not so bad;

However, I also never fully understood the beliefs or obligations of the Quaker faith. There was never any attempt on the part of my Sunday School to help me, as an individual, to evaluate the validity of the Quaker faith. The class time was spent reading about heroines or making jigsaw puzzles for the Friends Neighborhood Guild, rather than reading Faith and Practice or the Bible. It wasn't until I got involved in religious discussions with my classmates who were going through confirmation classes and joining churches that I was forced to analyze whether or not I truly wanted to be a member of the Society of Friends."

We compared the curricula being used by several other Friends Meetings as well as those worked out by Friends General Conference, the United Church of Christ, and the Unitarian-Universalists, some of which have been developed only after years of work by well qualified, paid, professional staffs. We considered sources with which our own members had had experience. We weighed and evaluated these in the light of our objectives and the young people of Mt. Toby Meeting. We asked for suggestions from the Meeting.

We have drawn up a suggested course of study to serve as a guide, indicating a number of possible references and resources for the use of the teacher. This was posted for a month in the fellowship room for a month with a request for all to study it and make suggestions. We had one, from a six year old boy - "rocks and bones". What this outline does not show, of course, are the all-important intangibles - the various methods and techniques which may be used, the teacher's interest and enthusiasm, his loving concern for the growth of each and every child.

EVALUATION OF THE YEAR'S PROGRAM

We have made a beginning this year. With what success? How does one evaluate the immeasurable? Not by the numbers present, though we have averaged about 50 per Sunday; not by how busy they were, though on the whole they have been busy and interested; not by how quiet or how noisy they have been, though they have at times been listening intently, at times working or discussing excitedly.

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when a little one stands transfixed as a butterfly emerges from its chrysalis and flies away, whether his sense of awe and wonder were encouraged and took on religious significance in one of our early First Day School classes - with Sue Fletcher, Meg Lummon, Alta Mae Weber or Ann Levinger?

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when one of our young people stands up to be counted in an unpopular cause that he knows to be right, whether he was encouraged to do so because of the study, in Allison Laufhold's class, of courage and how it was shown by brave Quakers?

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when a young Friend puts out a hand to welcome a stranger of a different color and belief, whether the beginning of this understanding and friendship may have had its encouragement in Misty Blossom's class as they learned about the universality of man's belief in a Supreme Being?

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when one of our young people volunteers to learn what the lessons for today are to be found in the Bible, whether his interest in and familiarity with the Bible may not have had its beginning in Jim Zarodnik's class?

Who will know, tomorrow or ten years from now, when a young Friend is questioned by his draft board or the F.B.I. about his stand against war, chooses a career dealing with social concerns, rejects a "handy" but lucrative business deal, or admonishes his young son against smoking, whether he may not have been strengthened in these convictions by the consideration of the personal implications of the Queries in Barbara Gilbert's and Trevor Robinson's class?

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And even those to whom on occasion we have said, "This you may not do", may one day realize, if they do not already, that it was done out of love for them and because some of us believe "that there is a difference between the good and the shoddy, the true and the false, the right and the wrong; and that it is the obligation and responsibility of persons who hold positions of leadership to tell young people what is expected of them".

We will never know. We do agree, however, with Albert Schweitzer that "we cannot put into anyone ideas which are not already there. As a rule there are in everyone all sorts of good ideas, ready like tinder. But much of this tinder catches fire or catches it successfully, only when it meets some flame or spark from outside, i.e. from some other person. Often too, our light goes out and is rekindled by some experience we go through with a fellow man. Thus we have each of us cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flames within us." If any of our teachers and any of our young people have furnished this spark, and we think they may have, we are grateful.

BETTER COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

In implementing this third recommendation, there is also much room for improvement. We have made a conscious effort to keep parents informed and to give them the opportunity to share in the planning and activity of the First Day School. All committee meetings are open; the tentative program for each class has been printed in the Newsletter and on the bulletin board; early in the year, after the Meeting for Worship one Sunday, parents were invited to hear the teachers outline plans for the year and tell what they hoped to accomplish; and parents have always been welcome to talk with teachers after Meeting on Sunday. We would like to have more parents volunteer for a particular unit of study or project, as Elliott Offner did this year. (He took two classes for the first three weeks in March and worked with them on bringing together some of the ideas and facts they had learned about Quakerism and then expressing these creatively in a new medium. We appreciate very much his involvement with these groups in this experimental approach to a cooperative worship experience, and also his material contributions of art materials and supplies.

IMPORTANCE OF THE HOME IN RELIGIOUS TRAINING

We have two concerns in this area that we cannot emphasize too strongly: the outstanding importance and influence of the home and parents for the religious education of their children, and the limitations of the First Day School. As Elise Boulding puts it, "The longer we work at Religious Education, the more clearly we realize the vital part of the Friendly home in the development of children. The best the teacher and the class can do in the limited minutes of weekly periods is doomed or glorified by what happens back home, before and after First Day."

SPECIAL EVENTS - WITH THANKS TO THOSE WHO HELPED

Finally, we would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped with the regular program of the First Day School and with these special events:

The playlet, "Caltha in West Virginia", written by June Robinson and produced for the Meeting by Allison Kaufhold's class and helpers.

The reading, by Mary Randall, and the tableau of the manger scene, by Tim Bancroft and Joanna Randall, at Christmas time. Also the gifts brought to the creche by the young people - $27.63 for the A.F.S.C. orphanage in Vietnam and 25 gifts distributed through local agencies with the assistance of Bob Meyers.

Their own Meeting for Worship held by the young people and their guests (about 75 in all) in Ethel DuBois' barn on Quarterly Meeting Sunday.

The annual fall hike up Mt. Toby.

Tobogganing and cutting firewood for the Meeting House fireplace on a "snow day" in February.

Hymn singing after the Meeting for Worship, especially on Fellowship Sundays and on all Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas, with Peggy Holden and Stephen Randall at the piano most of the time.

Supper with members of the Religious Education Committee of Friends General Conference before the Rufus Jones Lecture.

The workshop - retreat at Woolman Hill in which 20 members of the Meeting participated, including all of the First Day School teachers, a majority of the Religious Education Committee members, the Clerk, and five other parents. Ed Hinshaw, Young Friends Secretary of New England Yearly Meeting and Bob Hillegas of Wellesley Meeting joined us as resource persons, and were an inspiration and a very welcome help.

The interest and enthusiasm of Francis Holmes in showing the young people how to borrow books from the library is appreciated.

The help of some of our senior high school members on the Religious Education Committee(Jennie Agard and Bill Havens), with the activities at Quarterly Meeting (Lois Johnson, Bill Havens) and with First Day School activities(Ruth Weber, Harriette Gilbert and Rosalind Clark).

The service rendered every Sunday to our very little ones , and their parents, by Page Bancroft who heads the nursery volunteers, by Davis Rubin of the University, and by all the parents whose assistance is necessary when we have as many as 12 children ranging in age from 2 -4.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR

That two additional sections of folding wall be purchased so that classes can have more of a semblance of privacy than is now possible with always an open "door" that cannot be closed.

That a Bible be presented to each young Friend (or non-Friend who has attended First Day School regilarly for a year) on his birthday nearest his entrance to Junior High School. This recommendation grew out of one of the Woolman Hill discussion groups and has already been approved by the Monthly Meeting.

That there be no further planned First Day School program for the young Friends of high school (senior) age; but that they be encouraged to attend the Meeting for Worship for the full hour as many of them have been doing for the past few months. If at any time, however, a topic comes up which they would like to pursue, that they be encouraged to form a group at that time , with an adult Friend for discussion leader.

That there be two teachers sharing the responsibility for each class so that a qualified person is ready to take over a class when the other teacher is unable to do so. A system of sharing the responsibility should be worked out in advance.

Respectively submitted,
Jennie Agard
Page Bancroft
John Foster
Harriette Gilbert
Marjorie Hancock
Bill Havens
Nancy Rice
Bill Ross
Ethel DuBois, convenor

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SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR FIRST DAY SCHOOL

We trust that Friends will understand that there are as many ways of presenting material as there are teachers, and that these ways may include the use of creative crafts, art, music, drama, dance and planned out of doors activities as well as reading and discussion. Also, the references are not mandatory nor inclusive, but suggestive only, and may added to from other sources. The Childrens' programs of the American Friends Service Committee are recommended especially for the Junior and Intermediate groups.

KINDERGARTEN:

Topics: Our families, friends, community, world; getting along with others, learning to share.

References: The Big World, The Little House in the Big Woods, Little Bear, Baby Animals and Their Mothers, Children and Their Fathers, Children Around the World, Tom Tit Moves House, Sugar on Snow, Tall Grass Zoo, Seeds, A Book About God, If Everybody Did.

GRADES 1 and 2:

Topics: Miracles around us, wonder and order in nature, growth, life, death, seasons; the birth and early childhood of Jesus; selected Old Testament stories; some early Quakers in this country, their method of worship, their dealings with the Indians; broadening world horizons, working together with others.

References: Moments of Wonder in Spring and in Fall, Miracles That Surround Us, We Discover Lights, The Curious Naturalist, Hailstones and Halibut Bones, A Small Child's Bible, Living in Palestine, Picture Book of Palestine, Pioneers in Peace, Fierce Feathers, stories from The Friendly Story Caravan and Candles in the Dark, Crow Boy, UNICEF Stories of Children from Many Lands, Let's Do Better, A Sorely Trying Day.

GRADES 3 and 4:

Topics: An introduction to the teachings of Jesus, some of the Parables, a continued study of Quakerism and Quaker concerns through stories of individuals; various ways of worship - through listening, through our daily lives, through music, drama, art.

References: The Bible, From Long Ago and Many Lands, The Boy Jesus and His Companions, A Book of Quaker Saints, Brave Quakers, Carolina's Courage, Along the Shore with the Red Men and the White, Obadiah the Bold, Jerrod's Island, New Boy in School, Growing Toward Peace, Stories from the Underground Railroad, Friendly Story Caravan, Candles in the Dark.

GRADES 5 and 6:

Topics: The beginnings of the universe and of man; of religion; the world's great religions; the history of Quakerism; social concerns.

References: Beginnings of Earth and Sky, Life and Death, The Epic of Man, The Story of the World, Stories of the creation from various sources, The Graphic Bible, The Worlds Great Religions, Their Search for God, One God - The Ways We Worship Him, The Church of Our Fathers, History of Quakerism, Jesus the Carpenters Son, Pioneers in Peace, Rebel Saints.

GRADES 7,8 and 9:

Topics: The Bible as history, comparative religions, visiting other churches and attending their services, Quakerism and social concerns.

References: Various translations of the Bible, The Drama of Ancient Israel, The Church Across the Street, View From The Back Benches, God is For Real man, My Part In The Quaker Adventure, John Woolman's Journal, plays for dramatization such as Green Pastures, Ben Hur, J.B.

GRADES 10, 11 and 12:

Topics: While no program is being planned for the young Friends in this age group, (see recommendation 3 of the yearly report-1966 - 1967), these are some of the possible concerns which may arise for discussion: the draft and the position of the Conscientious Objector; the social responsibility of the scientist , the reporter, the man in advertising, etc.; religion and science, war, poverty; segregation and racial discrimination; non-violence as a technique for action; freedom and responsibility; drugs, alcohol and smoking; should I join the Religious Society of Friends? Why? How?

Business
October 11, 1967

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The regular Meeting for Business convened on October 11th, 1967, at 7:55 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett, with 12 present. The reading of a section from London Faith and Practice by the Acting Clerk Thomas Hancock was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of September 13th were read.

2) The attached report of a September 28th meeting of the First Day School Committee was read and approved.
The matter of minute 7 of September 13th was discussed in relation to this. No satisfactory solution was found to the overlapping timing of Meeting for Worship, vigil, and Fellowship Luncheon. It was decided that the only change to be made at this time would be to have the monthly Fellowship Luncheon served at 12 o'clock only, and to encourage each member and attender to decide whether on the 4th Sunday of each month he would stay for luncheon or would join the vigil.

3) Plans for Quarterly Meeting (October 21st and 22nd) were announced. Besides the Meeting for Worship and the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, they include slides and tape on China by Felix Greene, folk-dancing, a hike up Mount Toby, and hopefully an illustrated report of Friends' World Conference.

4) The accompanying report of the Clothing Committee was read and approved.

5) The request of the Quaker Action Group for reconsideration of the transmission of funds to the Canadian Friends' Service Committee for medical relief in all of Vietnam was taken up again (Sept. 13, Min. 16). The Meeting repeats its loving support and encouragement of individual members to follow the course their conscience dictates (Sept. 16, min. 9). We feel that this is a time for the healing of wounds rather than for opening of old wounds, and that this subject would better be discussed by a Meeting for Discussion under the aegis of the Program Committee than taken up for decision by a Meeting for Business.

6) The nominations of Philip Woodbridge to the Finance Committee and of Polly Ulin to the First Day School Committee were approved.

7) The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations:
  Marjorie Hancock to Ministry and Counsel,
  David Holden as Convener of the Finance Committee, and
  Rosalind Clark to the Library Committee.

8) The Nominating Committee reported difficulty in presenting a nomination for the Clerkship because of the differing feelings of members concerning the qualifications for Clerkship, some holding that a Clerk should epitomize the traditional model of a Quaker. It was agreed that Thomas Hancock be appointed Interim Clerk until the regular time for appointing new officers, and that meetings be planned for consideration of underlying important questions, such as the meaning of membership in the Society of Friends and qualifications for office-holding in the Meeting.

9) A letter was read from Trevor and Laura Robinson announcing their "leaving on sabbatical in January". This will affect the following offices:
  Laura: Co-Editor of the Newsletter
  Member of Clothing Committee
  Trevor: Member of Meeting House Committee
  Member of Ministry and Counsel
  Convenor of Nominating Committee

10) The Agards announced their intended move to Bennington College in January, leaving the following offices vacant:
  Robert: Treasurer
  Phyllis: Membership on Meeting House Committee

11) The Outreach Committee proposes that a revision of the Directory be made at this time, the last printing having been made in 1965. The Committee is requested to go ahead with this. Curtis Johnson offers to type the copy. A charge of 25 cents per copy will be made

to members and attenders living in this vicinity.

12) Jenette Agard sent a request for funds for fare to a peace demonstration to be held outside the Pentagon. The needed $12,50 was appropriated from the Scholarship Fund.

13) Reports of Spiritual Condition of Middletown and of Monadnock Monthly Meetings were read. The report from Monadnock Meeting was especially considered because it requests help in strengthening their Meeting and encouraging spiritual growth. It is hoped that Friends from this Meeting may visit the Monadnock Meeting soon.

14) Mary Clark presented her concern that children do not speak in Meeting for Worship, even after long attendance. The concern was shared by others, and various aspects of their silence were discussed. It was felt that embarrasment and lack of confidence were important factors with the children as it often is with adults. It is urged that this be talked about in First Day School and in homes.

After a period of silent worship, the meeting closed on October 12th at 12:08 a.m..

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

1st Day School

First Day School Committee Meeting - September 28 '67

The meeting began with a period of silent worship. Present were: Nancy Archer, Page Bancroft, Tom Crowe, John Foster, Marjorie Hancock, Dorothy Randall, Barbara [illegible].

1) Quarterly Meeting Sunday, October 22nd. It was decided to hold a childrens and young Friends Meeting for Worship at Ethel Dubois' barn, no formal classes will be held. Nursery care will be provided as usual. The young Friends will be encouraged in classes between now and then to consider speaking in that meeting. A childrens' luncheon sitting will begin at 11:30 A M.

2) Fellowship luncheon Sundays will continue to have no scheduled classes. As the meeting experience is the center of Quakerism we feel Young Friends should have the opportunity to be there for the full hour once a month. One member of this committee will be out in the fellowship room to supervise those little ones unable to stay the full hour.

3) Teachers in the First Day School are:
Kindergarten - Nancy Archer, Ruth Reber
Grades 1and 2 - Marjorie Hancock, Kate Bancroft
Grades 3 and 4 - Robert Myers, Robert Archer
Grades 5 and 6 - Dorothy Randall, Tom Crowe
Grades 7,8,and 9 - Miriam Zahradnik
Grades 10,11,12 - Phyllis Agard

Barbara Gilbert

Clothing

CLOTHING COMMITTEE
Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends
ANNUAL REPORT
for fiscal year ending May 31, 1967

In June, 1966, the clothing from the annual Amherst College clothing drive was sorted and packed. More than half was given to Goodwill Industries; 1138 pounds were shipped to the AFSC in Philadelphia on June 14.

In September, 1966, about one ton of clothing collected the previous spring on the Smith College campus was transferred to our meetinghouse because the Smith students had no other way to dispose of it.

We learned of Virginia Naeve's project of person-to-person help for destitute Negro families in the South. By May 31, 1967, we had 12 families (members and attenders of Mt. Toby Meeting), each helping a Southern family. Hopefully, this would have used a good bit of the Smith clothing, but it made only a small dent.

In order to have room in the clothing room to handle the 1967 Amherst College drive, it was necessary to move the Smith clothing. Most of the pile was sent to Northern Educational Service in Springfield (two microbus loads and one stationwagon load). Smaller consignments went to Goodwill Industries, the AFSC, and to the South(See below.). Some still remains.

In May, 1967, Meeting members paid the postage to the South on boxes of clothing packed and wrapped by the Clothing Committee. Twelve were sent at this stime to clothing depots and to families not "adopted" by Meeting members.

More families are in need; your committee welcomes any who will pack, wrap, or pay postage on shipments to the South.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Holmes

Becky Holmes, Convener

$13.45

Special business
October 29, 1967

At a special meeting of the Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends, held on 10-29-1967, at the rise of Meeting for Worship, with 19 being present.

The Clerk stated that the purpose of the Meeting is to consider a letter of intention of marriage. Friends were reminded that an announcement had first been made two weeks ago. The request was made with the concurence of six Friends.

A letter signed by Patricia Vidil (Gilbert) and Leigh Robert Svenson was read, which stated: "We would like to submit our intention of marriage for the approval of Friends. We should like to be married under the care of Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting on Saturday, January 27, 1968."

The Clerk read some suggested points for Committees on Clearness to discuss with couples planning marriage from the Discipline of Pacific Yearly Meeting(page 47)

The names of Friends suggested as a Committee on Clearness were read and approved by the Meeting. These were:

Ethel Dubois
Sue Fletcher
John Foster
Robert Myers

There being no other pertinent matters to come before the Meeting, Friends concluded the Meeting with a period of Silent Worship.

Thomas Hancock

Thomas Hancock, Clerk
Philip D. Woodbridge, Recording Clerk

Death of Lucia Russell

Lucia Russell, member of our Meeting, died October 7, 1967, at the age of ninety-one. For the last nine years she has been confined to her home. She was born and lived all of her life in Greenfield, graduated from Prospect Hill School for Girls in 1893, and from Smith College in 1897.

Lucia Russell traveled widely. She had been a trustee of Franklin County Public Hospital, founder and first president of the Greenfield Visiting Nurse Association, president of the Greenfield Girls' Club, secretary of the Greenfield Library Association, member of the Greenfield Garden Club and Women's Club, and a leader in the development of Greenfield's Temple Woods Area.

In January 1942 she became a member of the Northampton Monthly Meeting of Friends. Minutes state that Helen Griffith and Mary Champney were the committee of Friends appointed to visit Lucia upon her application for membership.

She knitted hundreds of pairs of socks for the Service Committee during the last world war. She was active in the renovation of Sherwood Friends' Center. Greenfield Friends worshiped often in her home before Sherwood Friends' Center had been winterized, and more recently in the winters of 1957 and 1958, just before Greenfield Friends joined the three other first day meetings of the Middle Connecticut Valley Monthly Meeting of Friends to worship in the Amherst Grange building. When the Monthly Meeting finally built the Meeting House in Leverett, she gave generously, happy that Valley Friends were to have their own place of worship.

Business
Nov. 8, 1967

MOUNT TOBY MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

The regular Meeting for Business convened on November 8th, 1967, at 8 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett, with 13 present. A reading by Thomas Hancock from the writings of William Penn quoted in Faith and Practise of London Yearly Meeting was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meetings of October 11th and 29th were read.

2) It was suggested that the collecting of 25¢ per copy for the proposed new Directory be done by placing a receptacle adjacent to a pile of the Directories.

3) A letter was read from Jennie Agard expressing her thanks for the Meeting's support in sending her to the recent Vigil in Washington, and telling of the feeling of violence that mingled with or replaced that of pacifism inthis demonstration. Similar comments were reported from others.

4) It was announced that a representative of the U. S. Treasury Department will be at the Mayers' house on November 10th to meet with the Quaker Action Group concerning their plan to take funds to Canada on the 11th for medical relief in all of Vietnam. In telephone conversation the representative had advised that the trip not be made.

5) In reference to October 11th's Minute # 13, Francis Holmes reported on his attendance at a Meeting for Worship of Monadnock Monthly Meeting, held in Jaffrey, N.H.. About 40 were present (including children), almost all of whom were from The Meeting School. There was no First Day School; the small children were taken off to play elsewhere.

6) The nominations reported in Minute # 7 of October 11th were approved.

7) John Zahradnik and Thomas Crowe were nominated to the Nominating Committee.

8) The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations:
Treasurer: Philip Woodbridge
Finance Committee: Dorothy Randall
Meeting House Committee: Ethel Dubois
Ministry and Counsel: Stephen Randall

9) It was reported that the cost of food for Quarterly Meeting (October 22nd) was $223.35, and that $135.02 was received as payment for meals, leaving a deficit of $88.33. There was misunderstanding with the caterer as to the time the meal should be served, and fewer attended than expected. The Treasurer has paid the bills for this meeting.

10) The Committee on Clearness for the marriage of Patricia Vidil (Gilbert) and Leigh Robert Svenson on January 27th, 1968, reported favorably on their meeting with the prospective bride and groom. The Meeting approved this marriage being held under its care, and appointed the following Committee on Oversight: Stephen and Dorothy Randall, and Stevenson and Susan Fletcher, with the assistance of the Committee on Clearness.

11) Frances Crowe presented a concern that Meeting be a sponsor of a symposium on "Counselling Conscientious Objectors" to be held at the First Congregational Church in Amherst on 12-2-67 (a Saturday). The organizer will be Steve Hedger of New England A.F.S.C. and the keynote speaker David Leonard. The acting committee of the symposium consists of David King, Jay Savereid, Ethel Dubois, Frances Crowe, and Dean Allan. Co-sponsors are A.F.S.C., the Northampton-Amherst Branch and the Springfield Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Student Christian Foundation and the Hillel Society of U. Mass., and the Valley Peace Center of Amherst. The Meeting approved being a sponsor of the symposium and appointed Frances Crowe its representative. (T.H. + P.D.W.)

12) With Helen Griffith now confined in The Holyoke Hospital, members spoke warmly of her place in our Meeting, her intended move to Foulkeways, Pennsylvania, and the planting of the bur oak on October 22nd as a tribute to her.

13) In relation to the recent death of our member Lucia Russell, note was taken of the obituary as printed in our Newsletter. A wish was expressed that this notice be expanded and offered to the Library as a permanent record.

14) The Clerk read a letter from Philip Ball, Jr., of the law firm of Stoddard, Ball, Bartlett, and Trudell. It was stated that the Meeting was a beneficiary under the will of our late member, Lucia Russell, with the Franklin County Trust Company acting as executor. The meeting will receive a bequest of $2000, and a bequest of books, which are marked for Friends. (T.H.)

15) The Clerk announced that two letters had been received from members requesting transfers to other Monthly Meetings. Adele Wehmeyer to Sandy Springs M.M. and Lois Winchester to Old Chatham M.M.. These have been turned over to Meeting on Ministry and Counsel, and they are mentioned at this time so that the minutes will record that the meeting for worship has been transferred from Great Barrington to the home of the Lester Clarkes on Pleasant St., South Leee, at 11:00 a.m.. (T.H.)

16) John Foster spoke of the increasing lack of enthusiasm of members and attenders to carry out the weekly cleaning of the Meeting House.

17) Frances Holmes for the Library Committee reported

a) that a donation had been received of $50 worth of books from the Book and Publi~~shing~~cations Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; and
b) that very few books had been donated for sending to Friends' World College; he will consult with Frances Crowe about their shipment.

18) Friends are requested to reread the report of the Burial Ground Committee in preparation for the next Business Meeting.

19) After a period of silent worship, the meeting closed at about 10:40 p.m.. Maximal attendance was 14.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk.
Thomas Hancock, Clerk.

Quaker Action Group
1967

On May 27, eighty Quakers and friends from the Amherst area crossed into Canada with cash gifts of $3,000, to be used for aid, in the form of medical supplies, to all victims of the Vietnam war.

This witness was one of several, including crossings in New York, Michigan, and Washington. The Canadian Friends Service Committee, which received the funds, has purchased medical supplies from Canadian drug manufacturers, who have offered them at cost. The supplies have been forwarded to the Red Cross of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and the National Liberation Front.

The Amherst Area Quaker Action Committee is planning a second witness on November 11, with a crossing at Derby Line. To give medical aid in this way is considered by the Treasury Department to be illegal under the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy Act, although for two years the government did grant licenses to do so.

We are proceeding in the faith that the spirit of giving to all victims of the war may directly help to relieve suffering and ultimately help to dissolve hostilities. Our commitment transcends the barriers between men that have been raised by this war. Our action is based upon the conviction that no man is an enemy.

Those who share these convictions are welcome to donate funds and, if they wish, to join us at the crossing or to cross the bridge with us. Contributions should be in the form of cash or checks made out to cash, and given to any of the committee members. Inquiries may be addressed to the following persons:

Gilbert Wieland, Holyoke — 533-9313
Leone Barron, Amherst — 253-5178
Milton Mayer, Deerfield — 773-3262

AMHERST AREA QUAKER ACTION COMMITTEE

MICHAEL RICE, HATFIELD • ALLISON K. KAUFHOLD, GILL
LEONE A. BARRON, AMHERST • JANE AND MILTON MAYER, DEERFIELD
GILBERT WIELAND, HOLYOKE • MARY AND DAVID CLARK, AMHERST
MARION HAMBLETON, AMHERST • LOIS AND MARSHALL SMITH, HAYDENVILLE
ALICE SCHEFFEY, WILLIAMSTOWN • GERTRUDE WEIR, AMHERST

Quaker Action Group
1967

To express our sorrow and our protest because we Americans are killing and being killed in Viet Nam: We hold this vigil on Sundays 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS INVITED

SUGGESTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS:

Concerning the Vigil itself:

- Feel free to come when you can and leave when you must.
- Stand or sit silently.
- Engage in silent meditation.
- Please do not bring signs or placards, out of respect for the spirit of the occasion and the fact that other participants may not share your exact views. A minimum number of signs will be provided by the initiating group.
- Keep the silence until one o'clock, then shake hands with and greet your nearest companions.

Concerning Relations with Others:

- Avoid interfering with the free movement of passers-by or the activities of non-participants.
- Comply with proper requests of authorities concerning the placement of participants.
- Do not answer to any provocation by non-participants.

LOCATION: TOWN COMMON, AMHERST

Initiated by the Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends

Quaker Action Group
Nov. 11, 1967

AMHERST AREA QUAKER ACTION COMMITTEE

Concerning: Details of second trip to Canada to deliver funds destined for all victims of the Vietnam War.

The Amherst Area Quaker Action Committee, organized in March to send medical aid to all victims of the Vietnam war, has announced details of its second trip to deliver the funds collected for medical supplies across the Canadian border on November 11th. The Committee, members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and others, has been collecting funds to give to the Canadian Friends Service Committee which will forward supplies to the Red Cross of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, and the National Liberation Front.

The members of the Committee, along with others who wish to join them at the crossing or to cross the bridge, will meet at Woolman Hill, Deerfield, at 8:30 A.M. on November 11th. Departure time will be 9 o'clock sharp. Woolman Hill is reached by turning into Keets Road, one-half mile South of the Deerfield River bridge going south, and one mile north of the Old Deerfield blinker going north, on Routes 5 & 10 in Deerfield, Massachusetts. After crossing the main line tracks of the Boston and Maine railroad, it is at the end of Keets Road.

The crossing into Canada will be at the bridge at Derby Line on Route 5. A silent vigil is planned at the community park at Derby Line at 2:30 P.M. The crossing will take place at approximately 3:00 P.M., when the group will be met on the bridge by Canadian friends and a representative of the Canadian Friends Service Committee, who will receive the funds for medical supplies.

Members of the Committee will accept technical responsibility for the crossing. No special identification is needed to pass through the Customs except for foreign-born persons who should carry naturalization papers. For those who expect to remain overnight, or to go on into Canada, there will likely be accomodations at the homes of friends. The majority of the group expects to return to the Amherst area, arriving about 11:00 P.M.

Donations, in the form of cash or checks made out to cash, can be given or sent to any of the committee members. Inquiries should be addressed to the following persons:

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"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink." (Proverbs 25:21).

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Michael Rice, Hatfield * Allison K. Kaufhold, Gill
Leone A. Barron, Amherst * Jane and Milton Mayer, Deerfield
Gilbert Wieland, Holyoke * Mary and David Clark, Amherst
Marion Hambleton, Amherst * Lois and Marshall Smith, Haydenville
Alice Scheffey, Williamstown * Gertrude Weir, Amherst

S W Moore
Dec 3, '67

A Special Meeting of Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends to consider the matter of Suzanne Williams Moore, held in the Womens Detention Center in Washington, DC., was held at the rise of Worship in the Meeting House on 12-3-67 12-3-67 with 29 being present.

Rosalind Clark and the clerk both spoke to the subject, with the clerk stating that Jean Williams, Suzy's mother, had requested that Friends, if possible, make an attempt to obtain her release.

Suzy had been a non-violent demonstrator marshall at the Peace Demonstration at the pentagon building in Washington, DC. She had returned to the pentagon area to make a check on persons said to be still near the pentagon,~~and~~ on the evening of 10-21-67, and was seized by Federal marshalls, along with other demonstrators. Supposedly, she had been lingering after the permit to demonstrate had expired.

When brought into Federal District Court in Alexandria, Orin Lewis presiding, she did not cooperate by rising when her name was called, and she received a 30 day sentence. She has finished this 30 day sentence in jail, and to date, she has been in jail for 42 days.(12-3-67) She is in solitary confinement, has one book of Thoreau's, and is receiving poor food and no exercise, which, condidering she is expecting a baby in March, is far from good. The judge has remanded her to the care of a federal marshal indefinitely, until she cooperates with the court.

The Meeting was deeply aroused at the situation, and after discussion, the following decisions were approved:

That Rosalind Clark contact Fred Moore in Philadelphia, and others, in order to determine what might be done. The Meeting approved of paying expenses for all that was done to aid this concern.

That the Clerk phone the clerk or Secretary of Florida Avenue Friends Meeting in Wash DC and request that they assist and share this concern of Mt. Toby Friends.

That the clerk contact the Amer Civil Liberties Union in Wash DC.

That the clerk write the Massachusetts Senators in Wash DC.

That the results be reported at an adjourned meeting to be held on tuesday, 12-5-67 at 7:30 PM in the Meeting House.

Thomas Hancock
Clerk — —

SW Moore
Dec 5, '67

At an adjourned Meeting of Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends held on 12-5-67 in the Meeting House in Leverett with 16 present.

Shaffer Williams, father of Suzanne W. Moore, reported on the letter he had written to Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the U.S., regarding the imprisonment of his daughter, and his remarks were supplemented by Jean Williams, her mother. No answer has yet been received.

Rosalind Clark reported on the present condition of Suzy. She had been visited by her husband; she was no longer in solitary, she was feeling better.

The clerk had requested Isadore Silver, Amherst ACLU attorney, to contact the ACLU in Wash DC. The latter has not been able to act, but was watching the case closely and the developments, there to.

At the Wash Aclu suggestion the clerk phoned Sue Oren, Secy of the National Mobilization against War in Vietnam, and received considerable informations.

The clerkreported that he had written letters to the following;

- Steven Pollack, assistant attorny general in charge of laiason with the Justice Dept.
- Chief Kirby, in charge ofCivil Rights Division, Dept of Justice
- Edward Brooke, Mass Senator
- Edward Kennedy, Mass Senator
- Burns Chalmers, Clerk of Florida Ave Meeting of Friends

No answers had yet been received. Copies of these letters are a part of these minutes.

Friends discussed the matter, and decided that:

- -some should phone the prison head, Mrs Kenneth Hardy, Womens Detention Center in Wash DC.
- That Florida Ave Friends should be asked to send a Quaker doctor to the jail to see if Suzy was in good physical Condition.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

P.S. Several days later, the clerk received a letter from Florida Ave Friends Meeting, signed by Clyde Onyett, Secy., which is now a part of these minutes.

Thomas Hancock
Clerk

S W Moore

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ORIGINAL AREA MEETING
PELHAM (EST. 1806)

MEETING HOUSE
LEVERETT, MASS. 01054

12-4-67

Steven Pollack
Assistant Attorney General
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend:

This letter is concerned with the imprisonment of Suzanne Williams Moore, who is connected with our Meeting.

Friends are very much disturbed that the handling of the situation, and the confinement of Suzy is all out of proportion to the circumstances which originated her seizure. As you probably know, she expects a child in March, and the atmosphere of the Womens Detention Center is far from ideal for a woman in the progressive stages of pregnancy.

This might easily be looked upon as an arbitrary handling of a political prisoner, with intent to punish far beyond the nature or seriousness of the crime. The term of imprisonment has gone too far, and the case might easily become an odious precedent, to the detriment of justice administered in connection with future similar situations.

The fundamental rights of a person in conflict with the upholding of the dignity of the court, should not be relegated to the background.

It is not in keeping with democratic views, or the tradition of American democracy to allow a situation like this to drag on without attempting to pursue justice for the person involved, in its highest sense.

We would be grateful to learn if you might try to instigate motions of justice that would carry the matter to a satisfactory conclusion, both judicially and with a concern for the welfare of Suzanne Moore.

We appeal to you as a person with a feeling for the humane welfare of his fellow men, knowing your background of work in this connection.

Thank you.

Sincerely your friend,

Thomas Hancock, Clerk

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Senator from Massachusetts
Senate Office Building
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Edward Brooks, Senator Page two

We have assumed that you are somewhat acquainted with this case. Would you kindly have your office look into this matter more fully and ascertain the details? We would be grateful to learn if you had instigated motions of justice that would carry the matter to a satisfactory conclusion, both judicially and with concern for the welfare of Suzy Williams Moore.

We appeal to you as a person with a feeling for the humane welfare of his fellow men, knowing your background of work in this connection.

Thank you.

Written at the direction of the Meeting,

Sincerely your friend,

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Edward Kennedy
Senator from Massachusetts
Senate office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friend:

This letter is concerned with the imprisonment of Suzanna Williams Moore, who is held in the Womens Detention Center in Washington D.C., and is connected with our Meeting. We assume that you are somewhat familiar with what has transpired in this matter.

Friends are very much distrubed that the handling of the case, and the confinement of Suzy is all out of proportion to the circumstances which originated her seizure. She expects a child in March, and the atmosphere of a prison is far from ideal for a woman in the progressive stages of pregnancy.

This might easily be looked upon as an arbitrary handling of a political prisoner, with intent to punish far beyond the nature or seriousness of the crime. The term of imprisonment has gone too far, and the case might easily become an odious precedent, to the detriment of justice administered in connection with future similar cases.

The fundemental rights of a person in conflict with the upholding of the dignity of the court, should not be relegated to the background.

It is not in keeping with democratic views, or the tradition of American democracy, to allow a matter like this to drag on without attempting to pursue justice for the person involved, in its highest sense.

You are reviewing the subject of refugees in jail in another context at this time, and we think of you as a person with feeling for the welfare of his fellow men. We would be grateful to learn if you could instigate motions of justice that might carry this to a satisfactory conclusion, both judicially and for the welfare of Suzanne Moore.

Sincerely your friend,

Thomas Hancock, Clerk

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of the Religious Society of Friends

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December 7, 1967

Thomas Hancock, Clerk
Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends
% Margaret Holden
61 Silver Street
South Hadley, Mass. 01075

Dear Friends: Re: Suzanne Williams Moore

The delay in answering your urgent call and letter was not for lack of concern. I made a quick survey by phone to collect the up-to-date facts about Suzy and found that you had talked by phone with the National Mobilization office and that you had received most of what I could tell you. Therefore, I made further effort to see what was being planned.

You will be aware by now that Suzy is not now in solitary and that Fred has been able to see her. Her morale is said to be excellent. She is eating and I understand feels the baby is being fed somewhat adequately, though one wonders how this can be.

Our Young Adult Quaker group has been quite concerned about ways to help, but is handicapped both by work or school schedules and by the Detention Center administration. For your records the YAQ chairman is Sharon Price, 2110 19th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. Her home phone: 387-6682/Bus. phone: 381-5615,Ext. 5642(Area Code 202) The co-chairman, Frances Booth, (547-6131), is spearheading an effort to visit Suzy and will probably visit ~~do~~ so this weekend. She teaches at T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria, Va.(703,548-5015) and to call her there one must leave name and number and have her call back.

The most complete current information is found at the office of National Mobilization (202, 387-3620) whose office has been maintained to date since October 21 because of their work on behalf of those remaining in custody. Their attorneys have tried the legal angles in seeking Suzy's release without success. I am told the judge (Orin Lewis) remanded Suzy back to jail rather than charging her on contempt of court to save him the trouble of seeing her again in 30 days. The interpretation of the government seems to be that Suzy holds the key to her release when she decides to cooperate.

Have you received the copies of data on what has and what is happening which National Mobilization has issued? (1. "Demonstrators Learn of Prison Conditions" 2. "Statements of Recent and Present Prisoners in D.C. Penal Institutions" and 3. "Direct Action at the Pentagon on Oct. 21-22 Lead To:"(summary of arrests, trials and results) These materials are available at The National Mobilization Committee, 2719 Ontario Road, NW, Washington, D.C. Local Friends are working on ways to approach this question of prison reform.

With best wishes, Clyde Onyett
Clyde Onyett, Meeting Secretary

Business
12/13/67

The regular Meeting for Business convened on December 13th, 1967, at 8 p.m. in the Meeting House in Leverett, with 11 present. The reading by Thomas Hancock, Clerk, from Faith and Practise of London Yearly Meeting of a section entitled "The Spirit as the Light of God in All Men" by George Fox, was followed by a period of silent worship.

1) The minutes of the meeting of November 8th were read, and minor amendments made.

2) Francis Holmes reported for the Library Committee that the books mentioned in Minute #17 b of Nov. 8th had been sent.

3) Francis Holmes presented his full report concerning his visit to the Monadnock Monthly Meeting (min. #5, Nov. 8th), which is bound with these minutes.

4) It was announced that John Zahradnik had declined appointment to the Nominating Committee. The other nominations of Minutes ## 7 and 8 of Nov. 8th were approved. The appointment of Philip Woodbridge as Treasurer is to be effective when the books are turned over to him by the present Treasurer, Robert Agard.

5) Ethel Dubois reported on the Workshop on the Draft on December 2nd. Attenders numbered over 80, and came from as far as Worcester and Albany; they felt the meeting had been very helpful and worthwhile. Reports will be published in the Amherst and Northampton newspapers. Any who wish counseling concerning the draft may consult the Valley Peace Center or Ethel Dubois, Frances Crowe, Barbara Gilbert, or Curtis Johnson.

6) Ethel Dubois warns people to stay away from her pond, since it is now filled to a depth of 8 feet and cannot be fenced at this time. Methods of implementing this warning were enumerated.

7) Attention was called to the report in the NewsLetter of the recent trip of the Quaker Action Group to the Canadian border with medical supplies for Vietnam.

8) Francis Holmes reported that there are now 208' of shelf space in our library, 178 of which are filled. The remaining 30' are expected to meet our requirements for about 2years. Eight means were listed by which additional shelf space could be made available orr the number of books and pamphlets could be kept from increasing. The full report accompanies these minutes. The report was approved, without recommendations to the Library Committee.

9) Barbara Gilbert stated that First Day School will put on a special Christmas program on Sunday, December 24th.

10) Robert Meyers reported for the Meeting on Ministry and Counsel:
a) It is recommended that the following be dropped from the membership list , since there has been no response to various attempts to communicate with them by mail:

Mrs. Charles L. Bestor
Jonathan Davis
Marguerite Dirks Harned
Mrs. B. Carter White, Jr.

Francis Holmes' offer to make more vigorous attempts to get in touch with these people was accepted.
b) It is recommended that the requests for transfer of membership of Adele Wehmeyer and Lois Winchester be approved (min. # 15, Nov. 8th). These were approved, and letters for transfer of membership will be sent.
c) Thomas Gilbert has applied for membership and a committee has beenappointed to visit him.

11) A letter was read from the Committee on Meetings and Extension of New England YM requesting that each Monthly Meeting appoint a member as reference person to communicate with non-Friends about the Religious Society of Friends, and recommending that there be a conference of these persons at Woolman Hill not later than the spring of 1968. The matter is referred to our Outreach and Student Outreach Committees for their consideration, with request that they report to the January Meeting for Business.

The preceding minutes were read and approved. (The following were not approved at this meeting.)

12) The report of the Burial Ground Investigating Committee that was presented on January 11th, 1967, was read by the Clerk. No one present expressed any great personal desire that a burial ground be established, but it was reported that one absent member was definitely interested; very slight opposition was expressed by one member. Largely because of a concern to be prepared for any future need that might arise, it was approved that the legal steps for establishing

a burial ground be taken at this time.
Thomas Crowe is asked to make information available concerning such matters as bequeathing one's body to a medical school.

13) The minutes of the special meetings regarding the imprisonment of Suzanne Williams Moore held on December 3rd and 5th, were read, as well as correspondence with various persons, officers, and organizations concerned or hopefully concerned. These are to be bound with these minutes.

14) The Nominating Committee offered the nomination of Page Bancroft as co-editor of the NewsLetter.

15) It was approved that the Meeting pay for telephone service at the residence of the Clerk, Thomas Hancock.

Following a period of silent worship, the meeting closed at 10:45 p.m.. Maximal attendance was 16.

Philip Dudley Woodbridge

Philip Woodbridge, Recording Clerk.

Monadnock M. M.

Monadnock Monthly Meeting May, 1967

The Spiritual State of the Meeting

We feel that the spiritual condition of our Meeting this year has been unsatisfactory. We are a tiny group of individuals who, perhaps, expect more from our Meeting and ourselves than we are able to give. Geographically we are widely scattered. Our lives are so engrossed with diverse activities, we find it difficult because of time and commitment to come together for fellowship. We need the help of Friends from other meetings to assist us in considering ways to strengthen our Meeting and encourage a deeper spiritual growth.

This Spiritual State of the Meeting report was approved by our Meeting in April. The Meeting requested that we send copies to other meetings in our Quarter.

Griffin M. Stabler, Clerk

Read at the Monthly Business Beeting of 11-10-1967, Mt. Toby M.M. Francis Holmes will visit. Friends Journal current issue: "New Hampshire - Monadnock - Southwestern N. H. meeting for worship, 9:45 a.m., the United Church Parish Hall, Jaffrey, N.H."

mileage (from + to Amherst)=112.

FWH visited and worshipped with the group on 14-10-1967. Attendance then was about 15 of high-school age and about 15 adults for worship, plus some dozen small children for the singing before the meeting, who were taken to nearby public park to play during the meeting for worship. Almost everyone was from the Meeting School, Rindge, except one adult. No one else spoke during M/W. There appear to be plenty of persons associated with the meeting, but no evidence of first-day school, organized library, outreach, etc. They are on 3-month basis at this building, which will be torn down for a post office. I found an old visitor's registration book, last used in 1963, and signed it as a visitor. The new clerk questionned me about library organization, and I offered to circulate via the U S mails any book in our Meeting's library to anyone in their meeting. Sally and Joe and I were invited for lunch at the Meeting School, where we were most hospitibly received and departed for home about 2:30 p.m. Suggestion might be made that this meeting assign more duties and responsibilities to individuals, start a newsletter, start a first-day school, get a librarian, start discussion of spiritual and ethical matters in groups, etc. etc., including social service concerns, if it desires more basis for speaking in meeting and if it desires to retain the parents of these small children once more of/the small children reach an age to need organized religious instruction.

Francis W. Holmes (FWH)

Library
9-12/67

LIBRARY
Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting of Friends
12-9-1967

Report requested by the last Business Meeting, available shelf space and projected usage:

1. Shelf space now in the library:

open shelves	168 feet 7 inches
with sliding doors	37 feet 10 inches
mailboxes	1 foot 11 inches
TOTAL	208 feet 4 inches

2. Shelf space now in use:

children's books	12 feet 7 inches
adult books	82 feet 7 inches
pamphlets	8 feet 11 inches
periodicals	32 feet 9 inches
catalog	1 foot 8 inches
mailboxes	1 foot 11 inches
cupboards for supplies + books in process	37 feet 10 inches
TOTAL	178 feet 3 inches

3. Shelf space available for expansion......... 30 feet 1 inch (1/5 of open shelves)
In other words, 361 inches of open shelves remain.
4. Total number of books-and-pamphlets in library = 1,341, occupying 1249 inches.
5. Average width per book-or-pamphlet.............. = nearly 1 inch.
6. Books-and-pamphlets added last year............ = 145
7. journal space added last year (estimated)..... = 15 inches
8. Total shelf space used by last year's accessions 160 inches, approximately.
9. Therefore present open shelf space will serve us, at present rate of use:......[illegible] years
10. Ideas for new space:
    - a. stacks in east alcove (6 shelves @ 46", 2 directions) = 556"..............3½ years
    - b. 2 shelves above present north shelving = 208½"..........................1¼ years
    - c. 2 low shelves along south windows, est. 240"............................1½ years
    - d. filling one of doorways with 6 shelves, 180"...............................1 year
    - e. 3 shelves where present cabinet for Vertical File is, 126"..................¾ year
    - f. use of catalog and mailbox space, 43"..¼ year
    - g. stacks in west alcove (6 shelves at 46", 2 directions) + 556"............3½ years
    - h. books in place of supplies in supply cabinets, 409"........................2½ years

      TOTAL TIME GAINED BY PREDICTABLE ~~USAGE~~ POSSIBLE CHANGES IN PRESENT LIBRARY....16 years
    - i. placing part of library in other rooms now existing, e.g., least-used books in shelves in present storage rooms, teaching books in shelves in First Day School rooms, children's books in nursery room..........unknown
    - j. building a new library room, on south side of present library room, and turning present library over to needed additional space for fellowship-and-outreach immediately prior to and after meetings for worship (present wall shelving would do for publications to give away and to sell, outside scope of library activities................unknown
    - k. building new meeting-for-worship room on south side of present library, with double doors facing our present entrance through foyer that would be made of present foyer plus present library, and turning present meeting-for-worship room over to constitute the new library..unknown
    - l. Abandonng accessions of additional books or issues of periodicals, or discarding them at the same rate they are added (after all, on your present 2-year rotation of duties, you will go through 8 more librarians after me in your next 16 years!)

11. Please remember that I urged the need for a larger library while the present building was being constructed, at such length and with such vigor as to upset some people. Is it irony that I was asked to serve as Librarian in a facility I condemned as a "mere breezeway" during Business Meetings before we built our Meetinghouse?

Nevertheless I am trying. Respectfully submitted, Francis Holmes Francis [illegible]. Holmes

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